

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### A PROCLAMATION HONORING LANCE CLIFFORD ON HIS 85TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Lance Clifford was born on May 18, 1919; and

Whereas, Lance Clifford is celebrating his 85th Birthday; and

Whereas, Lance Clifford, an American World War II veteran who served in the China-Burma theater of war, is to be commended for his great service to our Nation; and

Whereas, Lance Clifford is loved and appreciated by all his family members; and

Therefore, I join with the family of Lance and the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in wishing Lance Clifford a very happy 85th birthday.

### COMMEMORATING THE TWENTY- FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF SANTA BARBARA'S EASY LIFT TRANS- PORTATION

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Easy Lift Transportation as they celebrate their 25th anniversary of providing transportation services to the disabled and elderly in the Santa Barbara area.

Easy Lift Transportation is a charitable, non-profit organization dedicated to helping the disabled and frail elderly live independently while remaining in their own homes. Easy Lift has been providing wheelchair accessible transportation services in southern Santa Barbara County since 1979. Beginning with one motor home in 1979, Easy Lift Transportation has grown to operate eighteen vehicles, eighteen hours a day, 363 days per year.

Easy Lift Transportation provides door-to-door transportation to individuals in the communities of Goleta, Santa Barbara, Montecito, Summerland and Carpinteria. Easy Lift Transportation is preparing to serve its one-millionth rider. They currently provide over sixty thousand rides a year.

In addition to helping many Santa Barbara area residents gain independence by ensuring that they can get to doctor's appointments and other events, Easy Lift helps the broader Santa Barbara community as well. Easy Lift Transportation provides transit services and driver training to other non-profit organizations in the Santa Barbara area. I would like to commend Easy Lift Transportation of Santa Barbara for their work and congratulate them on their twenty-fifth anniversary of operation.

### APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 3550, TRANSPORTATION EQ- UITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 3, 2004*

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Oberstar Motion to Instruct Conferees on the Safe Routes to Schools program.

The Safe Routes to Schools is a good program designed to save the lives of children and the many commuters that drive near schools. This program helps create infrastructure so that children can safely walk or bike to school.

Our children will also be safer while walking to school because the Safe Routes to Schools program also encourages greater enforcement of traffic laws, educates the public, and explores ways to create safer streets.

As a nutrition advocate, I am also concerned about the growing obesity epidemic that is affecting our children. Sedentary lifestyles, too much television, and far too many non-athletic activities are causing our children's waistlines to grow out of control. That is why I support this program. We need to promote walking and biking to school as alternatives.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to please support this Motion to Instruct the Conferees so that our children can live safer, healthier, and happier lives.

### HONORING THE LATE REVEREND DOCTOR RONALD FREEL

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the late Reverend Doctor Ronald Freel. Dr. Freel was a pillar of the community in Southern Nevada and a friend and inspiration to all who knew him.

Dr. Freel was born in Detroit, Michigan in October, 1931 and served in the United States Army for 12 years. He received advanced degrees in education and ministry and, after leaving the army, became the principal of Gaylord St. Mary's School in Michigan. Subsequently he served as the Wolverine, MI, School Superintendent and as pastor of Topinabee Community Church. Dr. Freel also served as the health education coordinator for the Cheboygan, Otsego, and Presque Isle Intermediate School District in Indian River, MI.

Dr. Freel moved to Henderson, Nevada 12 years ago and served as the senior pastor at Grace Community Church in Boulder City for the last 5 years. There he was instrumental in the founding of Grace Christian Academy. Dr. Freel is survived by his wife Ellen Anne, 3

daughters and 7 grandchildren. I urge the House to join me in remembering Ronald Freel for his service to the community and extending our condolences to his family.

### A PROCLAMATION FOR DOCTOR WILLIAM F. EMLICH

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Doctor William F. Emlich has served continuously as the Medical Director for the Central Ohio Joint Fire District and its predecessor Hilliard Township/Centerburg Volunteer Fire Department since July 1959; and

Whereas, Doctor Emlich provided his services as Medical Director continuously since 1959; and

Whereas, Doctor Emlich's service to the people of the Centerburg and the surrounding area displays his dedication to helping those in need. He should be commended for the help that he provided to the people of Centerburg and the surrounding area.

Therefore, I join with the Ohio's entire 18th Congressional District in celebration Doctor William F. Emlich's forty-five years of service to the Central Ohio Joint Fire District.

### TRIBUTE TO ARMSTRONG MIDDLE SCHOOL'S SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Armstrong Middle School's Science Olympiad Team which won first place in the New York State Science Olympiad Tournament and 18th place at the national tournament, a truly exceptional accomplishment.

The Armstrong Middle School team is comprised of sixteen members and coached by Paulette Bodak. Team members are Allison Kritall, Emily Hoogesteger, Gage Howard, Jamie Wisner, Stephan Wagner, Ashley Stanley, Brianna Kelleher, Jessica Bellingham, Julie Weidner, Ryan Lattanzio, Ben Mears, Dan Frederes, Emma Fink, Eric Frauel, Randy Mason and Paul Whitmire.

The team won the regional and the New York State competitions to qualify for the national level where they competed against other teams from the United States. At the national level, medal winners from the Armstrong Middle School were Ben Mears and Dan Frederes, first place in Meteorology; Ben Mears, Dan Frederes, and Julie Weidner, fourth place in Experimental Design; and Paul Whitmire, fourth place in Compute This.

I would like to express my congratulations to the team for such an outstanding achievement

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and wish them luck in all their future endeavors.

RECOGNITION OF DR. MANUEL  
CEREIJO

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize a truly remarkable member of the Florida community, Dr. Manuel Cereijo. A proven leader in the fields of science, engineering, education and technology, Dr. Cereijo was previously acknowledged in 1991 for his Lifetime Achievement Award by the Hispanic Engineer National Achievement committee and his exceptional dedication to the advancement of his profession and students.

Dr. Cereijo currently serves as President of the Professional Advancement Corporation and Lecturer of Engineering at the University of Miami, while simultaneously presiding as member of the Board of Directors on several prominent business, research, and engineering organizations in the Miami area.

Dr. Cereijo has furthermore received several reputable awards such as the Faculty Teaching Award at Florida International University in 1999 and his induction into the Hall of Fame of the National Association of Hispanic Engineers in 1998.

Dr. Manuel Cereijo consistently employs his expertise through means beneficial to his colleagues and students and is an outstanding representative of the state of Florida. It is my honor to recognize him and thank Dr. Cereijo for his incredible service and dedication.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ANN  
RUDOLPH

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a very special resident of the 23rd Congressional District, Ann Rudolph, as she retires from Hollister School. As Office Manager, Ann has touched the lives of countless Hollister School students, parents and faculty over the past 18 years.

One of the Principals who worked with Ann described her as the centerpiece of the school. Her caring nature and generosity extended well past her job description as she corralled stray dogs, helped paint office walls and provided after-school academic assistance to students in need. In addition to providing countless hours of her time to school projects and to helping each student succeed, Ann assisted in jog-a-thons, created a scholarship fund for sixth grade science camp and contributed to the school band. Ann provided for the Hollister School community as if each child were her own. She valued every individual, working with parents and teachers to make each student's experience at Hollister the best it could be.

When talking about Ann to students, one might hear a story of Ann waiting until late

afternoon with a student until her parents arrived, or inviting a child to her home for after school tutoring. In addition to her extensive work with the students, Ann also assisted members of the Santa Barbara community by washing all of the school's unclaimed "lost and found" clothes so that they could be given to needy families.

Ann Rudolph has served the Hollister School community in so many ways over her 18 years of employment. She has touched the lives of many and will be missed by each parent, teacher and student who had the privilege of knowing her. Dedicated and devoted people like Ann are what make our community so special. I wish Ann the best as she begins retirement and thank her for all that she has done.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
JOHN THOMAS O'ROURKE, JR.

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, John and Carolyn O'Rourke are celebrating the arrival of their son, John Thomas O'Rourke Jr.; and

Whereas, John Thomas O'Rourke, Jr. was born in the second day of April, 2004 and weighed seven pounds and twelve and a half ounces; and

Whereas, John and Carolyn O'Rourke are proud to welcome their new son into their home; and

Whereas, John Thomas O'Rourke, Jr. will be a blessed addition to his family, bringing love, joy, and happiness for many years to come;

Therefore, I join with members of Congress and Congressional Staff in celebrating with John and Carolyn O'Rourke and wishing John Thomas O'Rourke, Jr. a very Happy Birthday.

BACK TO WORK INCENTIVE ACT  
OF 2003

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 3, 2004*

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 444. H.R. 444 authorizes a pilot program to allow unemployed workers to receive job-training vouchers.

Unfortunately, the bill does not even fund the voucher program. The funding must come from existing job-training programs. These vouchers could be as small as \$500 and as large as \$3000. Voucher recipients could purchase job-training and child-care services, or use the funds to cover some transportation expenses. However, job-training services would no longer be free, but would have to be purchased for a one-year period.

We are stealing Peter's training money to give Paul a voucher. Tell me how this improves job training in our country? This is not the solution for the millions of Americans that don't have a job and can't put food on the table. The White House and Republican Con-

gress have failed to create jobs. They have failed to respond in thoughtful way to the needs of the American workers or the basic needs of our sluggish economy. Where is the compassion in the White House's conservatism for the 1.5 million Americans that have exhausted their unemployment benefits?

H.R. 444 is a misguided response to the great needs of our country. We need more jobs, not to privatize the job training. Millions need to put food on the table with their unemployment checks, not a tax cut that rewards corporations that move jobs overseas. I have had enough of nonsense legislation from this White House and Republican Congress. I will not vote for a bill that will result in cuts to the very job-training that will help people get a job.

In sum, this bill siphons money away from job training programs, limits people's access to that training, and does not even fund the pilot project. The motivation for this bill must have been, "why help people, when you can just pretend."

I urge my colleagues to reject this ineffective and purely cosmetic bill.

HONORING THE LATE ROGER  
PELTYN

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Roger Peltyn, who passed away suddenly last Thursday at the age of 60. Roger Peltyn helped build the modern Las Vegas that has become one of the wonders of the world, and will be remembered by all who knew him, and admired by everyone who sees the marvelous buildings he created.

Roger Peltyn was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1944 and moved to Las Vegas to work as a structural engineer at the Golden Nugget. From this work Roger Peltyn's genius was recognized, and he went on to serve as an engineer at the Bellagio, Mirage, Venetian and many other world class resorts in Las Vegas. Roger Peltyn was also a major contributor to our community in other ways, and helped raise more than \$4 million for various charities.

Thanks to Roger Peltyn, the Las Vegas skyline has become one of the great symbols of America, whose beauty, strength, and success are reminders of everything our nation stands for. I urge the House to join with me in honoring Roger Peltyn and extending our condolences to his wife Sandy and his two sons on his untimely passing.

HONORING THE NCAA NATIONAL  
CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORIES OF  
LE MOYNE COLLEGE AND SYRACUSE  
UNIVERSITY

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of two NCAA national championship athletic programs from Syracuse, NY. This past weekend, both the Syracuse University and Lemoyne

College Men's Lacrosse teams won NCAA titles in Baltimore, MD.

Though Central New York is known as a breeding ground for the nation's finest lacrosse players, never before has Syracuse been the home of two reigning NCAA National Champions in the sport. I am extremely proud of both teams and applaud the determination and skill they showed throughout the 2004 season.

Syracuse University has been a dominant force in NCAA Division I lacrosse for decades under the leadership of Roy Simmons, Roy Simmons, Jr. and current skipper John Desko. The program has built a tradition of excellence and produced the finest individual players in the history of collegiate lacrosse.

The current team is a proud extension of the SU lacrosse legacy and under the leadership of Coaches John Desko, Kevin Donahue, Roy Simmons III and Ryan Powell; they have proven their dominance once again.

Mike Powell, the undisputed leader of the SU Lacrosse team, along with his teammates carried on throughout the 2004 season in the spirit of the Gait Brothers, Tom Marachek, Charlie Lockwood and the other great teammates and talents who gave rise to the formidable SU Lacrosse.

The Orangemen came into the NCAA tournament with a number 4 seed. Some considered that lower ranking to be an affront to the depth and talent the program had demonstrated during the course of the season. It became obvious as the tournament progressed, however, that any weaknesses perceived in the 2004 team were gone.

With Mike Powell, the leading scorer in the history of SU lacrosse on the crease, a strong group of senior leaders including Dan DiPietro, Nick Donatelli, Kevin Dougherty, Sean Lindsay, Brian Nee, Michael Powell, Andy Shin, Steve Vallone and Alex Zink, underclassmen John Bone, Andrew Boyle, Evan Brady, Danny Brennan, Steven Brooks, Brett Bucktooth, Crian Crockett, Chris DiMarco, Scott Ditzell, Zack Fields, John Gallagher, Kevin Gowin, Ryan Hogan, James Hsiao, Jon Jerome, Geoff Keough, Steve Lykudis, Mike MacDonald, Kieran Murphy, Brooks Neal, Dustin Palmer, Steven Panarelli, Jarrett Park, Jay Pfeifer, Jake Plunkett, Timmy Raschdorf, Greg Rommel, Andrew Sullivan, Thomas Theodorakis, Donn Vidosh, Hank Vohrer, Scott Wallace, Zack Wallace, John Wright and supporting staff Troy Gerlt, Katherine Hatch, Gary Audet and Judy Quattrone the Orangemen beat very strong Georgetown and Johns Hopkins Division I title game.

With their stunning 14–13 victory over the Midshipmen of the U.S. Naval Academy, the Syracuse University Men's Lacrosse Team won their 9th national championship and the third NCAA Division I title in the 5 year tenure of Coach Desko.

The consistency and talent of the Syracuse University Men's lacrosse program deserves the recognition of this House and the nation at large. Very rarely has collegiate sport seen such a shining legacy and I am extremely proud to represent Syracuse University in the House of Representatives.

Chancellor Kenneth "Buzz" Shaw, the students, faculty, alumni and fans of Syracuse University deserve praise for their continued dedication to the Orangemen lacrosse legacy. I would like to extend my thanks for the great

work they do and the honor and dignity they bring to Central New York.

Lemoyne College, the only Jesuit institution of higher learning in Syracuse has emerged on the national scene in recent years as a NCAA Division II powerhouse. The small, yet distinguished college has maintained a tradition of athletic success, though since being chartered in 1946 had never won a national championship in any sport.

That all changed May 30th, 2004 when the Lemoyne Dolphins defeated Limestone College 11–10 in double overtime, before nearly 20,000 fans at M&T Bank Stadium. The stunning win, led by Junior Brandon Spillett's amazing performance on attack, gave Lemoyne and Head Coach Dan Sheehan the first NCAA National Championship in the history of the school. This achievement has brought a great measure of pride to the friends, faculty and alumni of Lemoyne College, all of whom had watched the men's lacrosse program develop from obscurity to national prominence in only a few years.

The NCAA Division II National Championship title for the Dolphins Men's Lacrosse team means a great deal to Central New York, home to most members of the Dolphin Lacrosse team, but also to the Lemoyne College family as well. All of the students, faculty and staff of Lemoyne endured a difficult year that saw the College bond together in support of senior midfielder Adam Carne, who nearly died last summer after a brutal and senseless attack by a stranger. Adam's remarkable recovery and presence on the sidelines during the 2004 season inspired the Dolphin Lacrosse team to achieve a level of success unimaginable just a few years ago.

I am immensely proud of Coach Dan Sheehan, his assistants Brian Datellas, Kevin Michaud and Bradley Carr, as well as the members of the Lemoyne Dolphins Men's Lacrosse team including seniors Travis Morgia, Corey Sullivan, Adam Carne, Rob Trowbridge, Pat Hooks, Chris Geng, Joel Dorchester and Justin Wnuk; underclassmen Brannan Karg, Travis Tarr, Ryan Fennell, Brandon Spillett, Travis Ames, Chris Doran, Collin Knowles, Nate Evans, Chris Moore, Matt Juriga, Kyle Reichel, Jared Corcoran, Ben Lanman, Ted Rund, Ed Street, Jordan Witt, Matt Emerson, Eric Roberts, Ryan Lewis, Kevin Kohl, Brendan Flynn, Joe Maslak, Joe Weaver, Matt Holdridge, Craig Rosecrans, Jeff Norton, Russ Oechsle, Mike Lindstrom and support staff Mike Wilson, Rachel Russell, Carissa Barallaro and Shannon Holliday.

Lacrosse is a way of life in Central New York and has been since the Iroquois Federation created the game centuries ago. I feel privileged to represent such outstanding college athletic programs in my Congressional District and once again express my sincere congratulations to the Syracuse University and Lemoyne College Men's Lacrosse teams for their great efforts this season and NCAA National Championship titles.

#### A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF RICHARD W. SANDY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Richard W. Sandy of New Philadelphia; and

Whereas, Richard W. Sandy was a caring and loving individual. Sandy was active in his church, the Special Olympics program as a state champion bowler and as a client of Starlight Enterprises, Inc.; and

Whereas, Richard W. Sandy will certainly be remembered by all those who knew him; and  
Whereas, Richard W. Sandy touched many lives and his memory will stand as a monument to a truly fine person; and

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family and friends of Richard W. Sandy.

#### FAREWELL SPEECH FOR TAI- WANESE AMBASSADOR C.J. CHEN

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, we are honored to be here today to bid farewell to a great statesman and friend, Ambassador C. J. (Chinn-Jen) Chen. The Taiwanese government has much to be proud of from the Ambassador's long career of selfless service to his country. He is a distinguished diplomat who has served Taiwan's foreign service for thirty-seven years, and in many ways served all of us, and the world. Ambassador Chen has spent much of his career strengthening the close and friendly ties between Taiwan and the United States.

He first came to Washington, D.C. in 1971 as a Third Secretary assigned to the Republic of China Embassy in the United States where he served through 1979. By then, he had been promoted to First Secretary, and from that position, he was able to play an important role in the formulation of a new framework for improved relations between the people's of Taiwan and the United States.

During the 1980's and 1990's, as the Ambassador earned a series of promotions to posts of greater and greater responsibility—both in Taipei and in Washington—he continued to serve as an effective bridge from bringing Taiwan and the United States closer together. As Taiwan's Deputy Foreign Minister and then Foreign Minister, he insured that his country's foreign policy reflected that tremendous economic progress and democratic development taking place on Taiwan. And, by emphasizing the common values and joint interests that the United States and Taiwan share, Ambassador Chen has fostered mutual trust and cooperation between successive administrations: from Ronald Reagan to George W. Bush in the United States; and from Chiang Ching-kou to Chen Shui-bian in Taiwan.

Over the last four years, the Ambassador has, in his capacity as Taiwan's chief representative in the United States, endeavored to further enhance the military, political, cultural and economic aspects of our bilateral relationship. Apart from his personal friendships with a number of high-ranking administration officials, he has built quite a following in Congress. He strongly encouraged and supported the establishment of the House Taiwan Caucus and the Senate Taiwan Caucus. Working

closely with us, he has earned our respect and affection.

Most importantly, thanks to diplomats like Ambassador Chen, Taiwan and the United States are truly friends and our relationship is stronger now than at any other time. Having visited Taiwan myself, I have seen how much the Ambassador's country has been able to benefit from better relations, and I'm sure that his work has made Taiwan a better place.

Mr. Speaker, as Ambassador Chen concludes his tour of duty in Washington and his returning to Taipei, I bid him a fond farewell and wish him all the best. He has been a true friend, a man of principle and integrity, and we will surely miss him.

### FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

### HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 20, 2004*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure today to recognize those heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. There is no tribute too great that we can offer these courageous men and women.

These men and women join a lengthy list of heroes from the 10th District of Virginia who have fought and died so that others might be free. Starting with the French and Indian War before our nation was formed to those serving today in hostile environments in the War on Terrorism, our district has proudly served the Armed Forces of the United States.

I take this opportunity today not only to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice but to honor the loved ones they left behind and let them know that this nation has not forgotten the pain they must endure.

The fallen lived and died with a nobility of purpose which those of us left behind have a sacred duty to carry on. Each one of us must fight to keep this nation free and worthy of sacrifice. There is no greater love for humanity than to give one's life for the freedom we all cherish.

I ask that everyone pray for the men and women in uniform who are in harm's way in Iraq, in Afghanistan and other parts of the world where we have a military presence. They need and deserve our support.

### FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

### HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 20, 2004*

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, there are no words that can lessen the intensity of families' grief and profound loss after learning that a son, daughter, or relative serving in the Armed Forces has fallen in the line of duty. I have recently written to five central Ohio families who have suffered such a loss as Part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and each time it weighs heavily on my heart.

Army Pfc. Kevin Ott, Army Pfc. Branden Oberleitner, Pfc. Nicholas Zimmer, Army

Staff Sgt. Aaron Reese, and Army Master Sgt. George Fernandez were the truest of all patriots. These soldiers will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved them, and their families are in my thoughts and prayers.

The unique sacrifice that fallen soldiers share, giving their lives for the development and protection of freedom, place them among those in our history who will be remembered for dedicating themselves to the greatest of all ideals that we as Americans hold dear.

America is eternally grateful to these and all of our soldiers for their courageous and dedicated service to our great nation and their valor in bringing freedom to the Iraqi and Afghani people. They have not only worked to bring liberation and justice to these oppressed people, but have also made America safer from the threat of terrorism by rooting out evil where it is hiding around the globe. I am extremely impressed by the poise and sense of duty and purpose with which all our young men and women in the armed forces conduct themselves. Their resolve to finish the job, because it means doing the right thing for the world even in the face of making the ultimate sacrifice, is truly inspiring.

This Memorial Day, I will reflect on the sacrifices made by these soldiers and the long list of men and women who viewed their lives as subject to the preservation of liberty. May God bless our troops, and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

### A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF RAMA MAE GROVES STEEN

### HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Rama Mae Groves Steen; and

Whereas, Rama Mae Groves Steen was a loving sister, daughter, aunt, and wife to the members of her family. Rama Mae was a member of the Alpha Rho Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International of Guernsey and Noble County, a National Teachers Honorary, life member of the Ohio retired Teachers Association, Caldwell Woman's Literary Club, Order of the Eastern Star, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, Rosa Shrine 8 of Zanesville; and

Whereas, Rama Mae Groves Steen served in the past as chairman of the Central and Executive Committees of Noble County Republican Party, Noble County Republican Woman's Club; and

Whereas, Rama Mae Groves Steen will certainly be remembered by all those who knew her because of her loving nature towards her family, friends, and community; and

Whereas, the understanding and caring to which she gave to others will stand as a monument to a truly fine person. Her life and love gave joy to all who knew her; and

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family and friends of Rama Mae Groves Steen.

### IMMIGRATION REFORM

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today still afraid for our Nation's security. Not because of terror alerts, but because our borders remain porous. The enforcement of our immigration policy is impotent, resulting in a continued flood of illegal immigrants across our borders.

It is time for the federal government to stop letting unchecked mass immigration undermine the wages, safety, and benefits in one occupation after another. It is time for the federal government to moderate immigration and to treat American workers, citizen and immigrant, with the respect they deserve.

Our constituents did not elect us to help cheapen the quality of their lives by importing foreign workers at six to eight times the historical average. There is no getting around the fact that when we cheapen labor with unchecked illegal immigration, we cheapen our neighbors, both citizens and immigrants alike.

If we moderate immigration in the context of an historical average, we will remain the most open society in the world, and begin to halt America's slide from a middle class, to a poverty class, society.

I call on my colleagues to join me in working to reform our immigration policies and to halt the cheapening of America's citizen and immigrant workers. Without real immigration reform, our borders will not be safe and our citizens will be at risk.

### RECOGNIZING MARO EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ASSOCIATION

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize MARO Employment and Training Association. This organization will be celebrating thirty years of community service in June 2004. MARO Employment and Training Association represents 60 not-for-profit community organizations, providing vocational training, employment and support services for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment and community access.

MARO Employment and Training Association assists members by sharing information with community organizations regarding how to serve people with a number of varying disabilities. The group works on both the state and federal level to increase opportunities for people with barriers to employment. Members are offered affordable Workers' Compensation Insurance and prescription drug coverage through self-insured programs as well as an array of networking opportunities.

MARO Employment and Training Association works together with the Michigan Community Mental Health agencies, the Department of Labor and Economic Growth, Michigan Rehabilitation Services, Michigan Works! agencies, the Michigan Department of Corrections, the Michigan Commission for the Blind, and with local schools.

MARO Employment and Training Association provides a critically important service. The work the organization does is respected throughout the state and it has proven to be a great asset in Michigan for 30 years.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing MARO Employment and Training Association for the service and opportunities the organization has provided for Michigan citizens.

HONORING AMBASSADOR C.J.  
CHEN

**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise and join my colleagues in honoring a unique man and a graceful diplomat.

After 4 years of exemplary service as the head representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO), the quasi-embassy of the Republic of China (ROC), Ambassador C.J. Chen is returning to Taiwan. In fact, since joining his country's foreign service 37 years ago, Ambassador Chen has continuously been involved with U.S.-Taiwan relations in his many job assignments both in Taiwan and in the United States.

In 1979 when the United States severed diplomatic relations with Taipei and recognized Beijing, Ambassador Chen was then working in Taiwan's embassy in Washington. He spent days and nights negotiating and communicating with U.S. government officials and lawmakers in helping draft the Taiwan Relations Act (P.L. 96-8). Signed into law on April 10, 1979, this important legislation has enabled Taiwan to grow both economically and politically during the last quarter century.

In subsequent years, Ambassador Chen has played many key roles in Taiwan's foreign ministry. He has encouraged the U.S. to act as a balancer and facilitator in handling its relations with both Taiwan and the People's Republic of China (PROC). In addition, Ambassador Chen and other leaders in Taiwan have been successful in urging the U.S. to continue to provide Taiwan with military aid necessary for its self-defense.

During the last 4 years, Ambassador Chen has aimed to strengthen U.S.-Taiwan relations which are now at their highest point since 1979. While there have been no major changes in U.S. policy toward either side of the Taiwan strait recently, the U.S. stance toward Taiwan has improved significantly, largely due to Taiwan's democratic government.

In addition to the Bush Administration's goodwill towards Taiwan, support on Capitol Hill continues to grow. Since the start of the 108th Congress, both the House and Senate have introduced and/or passed various resolutions relating to Taiwan including support for: (1) Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization (WHO); (2) A U.S.-Taiwan free trade agreement and; (3) Taiwan's security. Ambassador Chen has played a critical role in building support for each and every one of these resolutions.

Mr. Speaker, while Ambassador Chen is indeed leaving Washington, I have no doubt that he will continue to contribute to the enhancement of U.S.-Taiwan relations in the future. I wish C.J. and his wife Yolanda all the best.

They will be greatly missed here in Washington.

COMMEMORATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR AND THE KICK-OFF OF THE CELEBRATION

**HON. JOHN P. MURTHA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War and the commemorative activities planned to revisit this important time in our Country's history.

As a former soldier, I believe that remembering and recognizing the bravery and courage of those who fought before us is essential to keeping history alive and fully appreciating the freedom we now enjoy. Today, our troops are faced with the conflict in Iraq. As we commemorate the 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War, let us remember that it is through the bravery of the young men in Iraq that there will be a new country, new government, and new opportunities, much like the result of the French and Indian War 250 years ago.

Beginning in 1754, the French and Indian War changed everything. The political climate during and after the war directly resulted in the American Revolution and the creation of the United States as an independent nation. The war also gave America its first introduction to George Washington, the beginning of a friendship that would help to build this great Nation.

Laura Fisher, the Executive Director of the French and Indian War 250, Inc., along with former Pennsylvania First Lady Michele Ridge, National Co-Chair of the French and Indian War Advisory Committee, and Chuck Queenan, Chairman of the Board of the French and Indian War 250, Inc., have helped to build the national commemoration of the French and Indian War from a regional event to a multi-state initiative that spans a twenty-state area from Maine to South Carolina.

Official commemoration activities began in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 16-18, 2004, at the historic Point Park. The Point was the site of Fort Duquesne, later Fort Pitt, and one of the most sought after locations thanks to the accessibility of the Ohio, Allegheny, and Monongahela Rivers.

The next several years will commemorate the anniversary through large-scale re-enactments at historic sites, exhibitions of rare historical artifacts, educational symposia and a major public television series, and I encourage my colleagues and their constituents to participate in remembering some of the most important milestones and sacrifices made leading to America's founding.

The National Governor's Association meeting held recently in Washington, D.C., was a great victory for the French and Indian War 250th Anniversary as several of the nation's governors reaffirmed their support of the importance of the commemoration by signing their name to the French and Indian War Memorandum of Understanding. I applaud Governor Ed Rendell of my state of Pennsylvania, and all the Governors who have pledged their continued commitment to devel-

oping programs to attract and educate visitors about the rich heritage and contribution that each state made during this era of conflict.

Governors who signed the Memorandum of Understanding have pledged to continue working to create French and Indian War trails, new marketing strategies to inform the public of this exciting initiative and educational programs to aid teachers in the classroom.

In commemoration of the French and Indian War's 250th anniversary celebration and the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the importance of this celebration and the importance of recognizing the sacrifices made in battle, I respectfully request that the French and Indian War Memorandum of Understanding be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I thank the Speaker and I yield the floor.

Memorandum of understanding between the State of Connecticut, the State of Delaware, the State of Illinois, the State of Indiana, the State of Maine, the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the State of Michigan, the State of New Hampshire, the State of New Jersey, the State of New York, the State of North Carolina, the State of Ohio, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the State of Rhode Island, the State of South Carolina, the State of Tennessee, the State of Vermont, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of West Virginia, and War for Empire, Inc d/b/a French and Indian War 250, Inc.

The following represents an understanding between the State of Connecticut, the State of Delaware, the State of Illinois, the State of Indiana, the State of Maine, the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the State of Michigan, the State of New Hampshire, the State of New Jersey, the State of New York, the State of North Carolina, the State of Ohio, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the State of Rhode Island, the State of South Carolina, the State of Tennessee, the State of Vermont, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of West Virginia (hereinafter "the States") and War for Empire, Inc., d/b/a French and Indian War 250, Inc. (hereinafter "French and Indian War 250").

Whereas, the States represent the geographical area in which the French and Indian War historical sites are located and French and Indian War 250 represents the official commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War.

Whereas, the 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War is fast approaching, spanning the years from 2004 to 2010, and the opportunity exists to connect the unparalleled collection of historic sites in these States.

Whereas, by developing a common storyline, educational materials and marketing strategies, these important, but mostly rural, sites in the States will be given new visibility.

Whereas, the occasion of this major anniversary will serve as a springboard in the States for tourism, education and economic development as we develop new programs and projects to attract visitors, educate the general public about the lasting importance of this conflict, and elevate this regional story to national prominence.

Whereas, commemorative plans revolve around four basic goals: to improve and connect the battle sites, both regionally and nationally; to create programming to attract visitors and educate the public; to stage commemorative events nationwide over the life of

the anniversary period; and to elevate the visibility and significance of the commemoration.

Whereas, connecting battle sites, located in the States, from the spread of the war through southwestern Pennsylvania to its neighboring colonies and related sites from Pontiac's Rebellion, which occurred on the frontier as the immediate aftermath of the war, gives greater context for a new understanding of the critical role played in this era by Native American nations.

Whereas, the States' large network of battle sites from the French and Indian War can offer visitors a living historical storyline. The National Park Service has already begun programmatic efforts at several sites, including the well-known national battlefield Fort Mifflin, and is supportive of the efforts to link these activities to the French and Indian War commemoration.

Whereas, it is important to translate the story into specific exhibit and public presentation strategies, including development of a shared logo, brochures and marketing plans to reach new audiences with targeted and effective messaging.

Whereas, a major centerpiece of the celebration will be a four-hour public television special, aimed at a broad general audience and aired as a national prime time television event. The reach and lasting effect of this national television event can be extended with cutting-edge technological tools to reach teachers and students nationwide with curricula and other related materials.

Whereas, Parkman Prize winning historian Fred Anderson is authoring an heavily illustrated popular book based on the film, which will also encourage new interest in the States' sites.

Whereas, the States will enjoy tourism opportunities through regional and multi-state tour and thematic guides that will be distributed at the 40-plus National Park Service Revolutionary War/18th century sites. Also, a new national French and Indian War thematic trail will be developed, linking the States and their sites.

Whereas, a national calendar of commemorations, reenactments and public programming in the States will generate and sustain interest for the life of the anniversary period. A national media strategy will be developed, including a press tour, to reach diverse markets.

Now therefore, the States and French and Indian War 250 have established a working relationship and agree in good faith to work together to focus on the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War and commence the aforementioned activities as of February 22, 2004 and continue these activities until 2010 or terminated by any party.

In witness whereof, the State of Connecticut, the State of Delaware, the State of Illinois, the State of Indiana, the State of Maine, the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the State of Michigan, the State of New Hampshire, the State of New Jersey, the State of New York, the State of North Carolina, the State of Ohio, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the State of Rhode Island, the State of South Carolina, the State of Tennessee, the State of Vermont, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of West Virginia and French and Indian War 250 have

evidenced their good faith intent of the undersigned to work toward the goals herein enumerated.

IN HONOR OF ANDREW D'AMICO

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, with this month being Autism Awareness Month, I ask that you join me in recognizing the efforts of Andrew D'Amico and his parents, Mr. Frank D'Amico and Mrs. Nancy D'Amico in supporting this cause. With autism occurring in 1 in every 250 births nationwide, more scientific research in regard to causes and treatments would prove to be beneficial. The D'Amicos participate in the National Alliance for Autism Research (NAAR), an organization that as its name suggests funds and promotes scientific research to determine both the biological origin and possible cure for this condition. In 1994, NAAR became the first association in the United States to uphold a mission dedicated to research concerning autism. More recently, on April 1st of last year, the D'Amicos along with other representatives of NAAR lobbied on NAAR's Hill Day for increases in the NIH budget specifically geared towards researching this condition.

In addition to boosting financial resources for research, NAAR builds a supportive community of friends and family connected to autism. This group's major fundraiser, Walk F.A.R. for NAAR, takes care of both bases by raising funds and by connecting many individuals through one powerful goal of spreading awareness and deepening knowledge. NAAR hosts this special 4-mile long walk in numerous locations throughout the Nation. Since May 2000, 150,000 walkers have together raised over \$15 million. The dedication and care of those involved in the walk survive any obstacle, as is evident in last year's Delaware Valley Walk. Rain drenched this site, but 2,000 supporters completed every bit of the 4 miles and collected \$204,000. The commitment of NAAR's members simply shines. Walkers can take part in this event separately or within a team. Andrew and his parents formed Team Andrew, a team that at fifty walkers strong donated \$10,000 alone last year at the previously mentioned walk. Andrew along with the rest of his team intends to continue their strong showing and partake in the 2004 Delaware Valley Walk on June 12th, exactly two months before his 18th birthday.

Aside from his activities with NAAR, Andrew devotes himself to high achievement within his high school and surrounding communities. Currently a junior at West Deptford High School, he has earned upstanding academic marks and the esteem of the faculty. Such accomplishment secured for Andrew the Principal's Award for the second marking period of the current school year and an invitation to apply for membership to the West Deptford Chapter of the National Honor Society. Acceptance into this society revolves around scholarship, service, character, and leadership. Further solidifying his involvement within West Deptford High School, Andrew serves

through the Key Club and Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). Rather than taking a back seat, Andrew actively and admirably becomes involved.

Andrew combines his interest in service and ability to lead by volunteering at the Gloucester County Camp that focuses on Asperberger Syndrome. Those exhibiting symptoms of this condition show signs of deficient socialization and difficulty in coping with changes in routine. This 4-week program aims to comfortably increase social interaction amongst its participants. Andrew, a two-year veteran, decided to take another step up and reach out to those willing to put out a hand. The construction of this tight network offers a foundation for the individuals of the camp to gain support from. Mr. D'Amico described his son's incredible ripple effects when he commented, "Andrew has made our family stronger and each of us a stronger person. We were all blessed on the day he was born." Andrew chooses not to view his state as a heavy weight or crutch. He instead aspires to not only take care of himself and his responsibilities but to also touch and invigorate those around him. For a myriad of reasons, Andrew D'Amico unquestionably deserves acknowledgment.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE  
REV. DONALD WINHOLD

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the memory of the Rev. Donald A. Winhold, the father of Laura Sue Gaines. Laura Sue is a former staff member of mine whom I highly regard. Her father passed away on May 24, 2004.

Laura Sue's father was a man of strong convictions, untiring dedication and infinite compassion. He was a devout Christian who dedicated his life to serving the Lord and helping his fellow man. As a Southern Baptist minister and area missionary, Rev. Winhold helped charter five churches during his tenure. Those churches are the First Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Sioux City, Iowa; the Trotwood Baptist Church in Trotwood, Ohio; the First Baptist Church in Napoleon, Ohio; the First Baptist Church in Azle, Texas; and the Greeneville Baptist Church in Greeneville, Ohio. He also was responsible for establishing the first public library in Raymond, Illinois.

Rev. Winhold used every means at his disposal to spread the gospel, including through his television and radio ministries. He was truly a man of vision who understood the nature of the people he ministered.

Rev. Winhold was also a man who valued family life and service to his country. He was a U.S. Navy veteran who served during the Korean War. And he was married 46 years to his beloved wife, Rosalie. They had four children: Michael Winhold, Michelle Hopkins, William Winhold and Laura Sue.

I commend Rev. Winhold for his full and rewarding life. He will be remembered as a true servant of God, and he will be sorely missed by his family, his church and the communities for which he worked.

HONORING CONTRIBUTIONS OF  
WOMEN, SYMBOLIZED BY "ROSIE  
THE RIVETER," WHO SERVED ON  
THE HOMEFRONT DURING  
WORLD WAR II

SPEECH OF

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 2, 2004*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my support of H. Con. Res. 413, which honors the contributions of Rosie the Riveter—the brave women who served on the home front during World War II.

Over six million women served this country during World War II by taking on jobs that had been traditionally held by men. They served as welders, and engineers, and helped produce planes, trucks, guns and ammunition that were crucial to helping the U.S. achieve victory.

These brave women opened the doors toward equal rights and new employment opportunities, and highlighted the needs of working mothers, which in turn led to the creation of child care programs. Their efforts helped change social attitudes of traditional gender roles and allowed the women greater opportunities and independence.

I would like to join my colleagues in honoring the life and work of these great women and thank them for their contributions to this nation.

ON OCCASION OF THE RETIREMENT OF DWIGHT (SPIKE) HELMICK

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of the retirement of Mr. D.O. 'Spike' Helmick Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol (CHP). Mr. Helmick has served the state of California in the California Highway Patrol for 35 years. Mr. Helmick has served as commissioner for the last 9 years and was appointed as the State's first director of Homeland Security.

Born in Texas in 1945 and raised in California, Commissioner Helmick graduated from Oroville High School. He is a graduate of the FBI's National Executive Institute and has completed graduate work in public administration through Golden Gate University. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Administration of Justice from Golden Gate University and received Associate of Arts degrees in Police Science and Business Administration from Yuba and Glendale Colleges. Mr. Helmick, who left his job in a clothing store in his Northern California hometown of Oroville to join the California Highway Patrol, graduated from the training academy in 1969. His first assignments were patrol duty in Glendale and other parts of Los Angeles County.

Commissioner Helmick has held every rank from Cadet to Deputy Commissioner. Prior to appointment as Commissioner in 1995, he served as Deputy Commissioner for six years. Before that he served as Chief of the CHP's

Coastal Division, which encompasses ten area offices and two inspection facilities from Santa Cruz to Ventura. Prior to being appointed Chief of the Division he served as Assistant Chief of Coastal Division from December 1986 through February 1989. From 1975 through 1986, Commissioner Helmick was assigned to the Office of Special Representative to the Legislature and commanded that office beginning in 1981. He also served in the South Los Angeles and Glendale Areas. On November 1, 1995, 'Spike' Helmick was appointed Commissioner of the CHP, commanding 6,730 uniformed and 3,200 nonuniformed personnel, located in 8 field divisions, 99 area commands, 16 commercial vehicle inspection facilities, 6 communications centers, and headquarters staff and executive offices. Mr. Helmick's duties ranged from heading up the state's homeland security programs in the aftermath of September 11, 2001, to assisting in riot control and aiding local departments in the fight against street gangs.

As Commissioner, Mr. Helmick initiated the concept of High Performance Policing within the CHP. Under his guidance, each CHP commander assesses the needs and expectations of the community served by their command. Delivery of service is tailored to satisfy both community and statewide needs.

Commissioner Helmick has continually emphasized the importance that the CHP workforce be representative of the state's diverse population so that the best services will be provided to all Californians. To this end, recruitment, hiring and promotion of women and ethnic minorities have been established as departmental priorities.

Support for Commissioner Helmick is widely based throughout California. His genuine concern for the needs of our state's citizens is evidenced by such diverse Department programs as Spanish language instruction of CHP employees, inclusion of cultural awareness training modules in recurrent training, and direction of Department resources to address specific crime and public safety issues.

There is no doubt that D.O. 'Spike' Helmick has been an outstanding public servant for the people of California. His distinguished career record speaks for itself. It has been my honor to work with Commissioner Helmick as both a State Senator and now as a Congressman. He is my friend and a friend to everyone in the California Highway Patrol. For these reasons I move that we recognize and honor D.O. 'Spike' Helmick for his outstanding achievements and service to the people of the State of California.

AMERICA'S BEST VA CLINIC

**HON. BERNARD SANDERS**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I want to call the nation's attention to the exemplary work done by the staff of the Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic in Bennington, Vermont. Recently, the Federal Executive Association gave its "Federal Employee of the Year Award" to the entire Bennington VA Clinic staff.

As the Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) housed at the Vermont Veterans

Home in Bennington, the facility and its staff serves the primary health care needs of eligible veterans in the region of southwestern Vermont. Over 1800 veterans in Vermont get exceptional medical care from Dr. Peter King and his colleagues in the clinic. As a sign of their remarkable dedication to the health and well-being of veterans, the Bennington VA Clinic was rated among the top ten clinics in the nation in ten of twelve categories. Ranking so highly among the more than 850 community-based VA clinics is a clear indication of the extraordinary work done by the Bennington staff.

Established in 1998, the Bennington VA Clinic affords veterans a single primary care provider to coordinate their care on an ongoing basis. It, along with the Fort Ethan Allen CBOC in Colchester, the CBOC in Rutland, and the CBOC in Littleton, NH (which serves veterans in the St. Johnsbury area), makes primary medical care more accessible to those who cannot always make the long journey to our excellent VA facilities in White River Junction.

We in Vermont are proud both of our veterans, and of the dedicated people who honor them by meeting their medical needs.

HONORING KEN HAMLIN

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today on behalf of the members of American Legion Post 18 of Bay City, Michigan to pay tribute to their past Commander and life-time member, Mr. Ken Hamlin. The Legion will honor Mr. Hamlin during a special recognition ceremony to be held in Bay City.

Ken Hamlin was born in Bay City on June 15, 1928. He served in the U.S. Naval Reserve during World War II and the Korean War. He retired honorably from the Reserve in 1966. Ken has spent the majority of his life serving and protecting. His commitment to the U.S. Navy and American Legion Post 18 is without doubt commendable. Ken has been a member of the American Legion Post 18 of Bay City for 29 years. During his 29 years of service with the Post he has had the honor of being a post service officer for 23 of those years. Ken's dedication to the post and its veterans have not gone unnoticed. In 1994 he was named Post 18 Commander, and later was granted Life Membership status for outstanding service. Also during 1994 he was awarded the Bay County Veteran of the Year award. Aside from Post 18, Ken is also a member of VVA Chapter 494 and a lifetime member and Past Commander (5 times) of AMVETS Post 22. He was the Past Chef DeGear Voiture 690 Bay County, and Past President Bay City Bowling Association. He was elected to the Bay City Bowling Hall Of Fame in 1998, is a member of Post 18 Baseball committee, and a member of the Bay County Naval Ship Committee. One of his most noted contributions to the Bay City Veterans Council was the assistance he provided in forming the Bay County Color Guard with the late George Rowell. Ken's strength, pride and steadfastness in getting the job done whenever and however will always be remembered. He is a leader of high moral standards.



Many veterans are thankful for his generosity and kindness. Without his guidance and the assistance that the many veterans' organizations provide, many of our American Heroes would be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress, I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in paying tribute to an outstanding veteran, Mr. Ken Hamlin, for his past service to our Nation and his continued commitment to assisting veterans.

# NATIONAL GREAT BLACK AMERICANS COMMEMORATION ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

**HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 1, 2004*

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in enthusiastic support of the National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act of 2003, and I want to thank my distinguished colleagues from Maryland, Senator BARBARA MIKULSKI and Representative ELIJAH CUMMINGS, for their leadership on this legislation.

The bill before the House, S. 1233, provides key funding for an important Baltimore institution. The National Great Blacks in Wax Museum will help preserve our nation's history. Located in East Baltimore, the Museum features nearly 200 exhibits and commemorates Black Americans in the fields of government, law, military service, science and religion. More than 300,000 visitors each year view its exhibits and participate in its programs. I have visited the museum several times, most recently for the unveiling of the image of our friend and former House colleague, Kweisi Mfume.

In the words of noted historian Carter G. Woodson, "If a race has no history, if it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world, and it stands in danger of being exterminated." If Dr. Woodson were alive today, he would applaud the work of Drs. Elmer and Joanne Martin. Back in 1983, these two pioneers recognized the importance of going beyond textbooks to expand the horizons of young minds, to stimulate their imaginations, to bring historical figures to life. The National Great Blacks in Wax Museum has helped preserve and celebrate the legacy of Black America, which I would emphasize is important for all Americans, including nascent immigrant communities.

Enactment of this bill will also expand the educational opportunities provided by the Museum, which works in coordination with religious and art groups to offer after-school and community activities in East Baltimore. This bill also authorizes \$15 million for expansion of the Museum's existing facilities through a grant from the Department of Justice, and it will establish the Justice Learning Center.

This bill has passed the Senate unanimously and I look forward to its passage in the House and enactment. I urge my colleagues to visit the Great Blacks in Wax Museum, to recommend it to their constituents, and to vote in favor of S. 1233.

# IN HONOR OF MICHAEL W. DAVIS'S DEDICATION TO THE BURBANK FIRE DEPARTMENT

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Michael Davis for 35 years of dedicated service to the Burbank Fire Department.

Mike Davis joined the Burbank Fire Department as a probationary firefighter in 1969. He promoted through the ranks of the Fire Department and has served as Fire Chief for the past 14 years. He has held positions including Fire Engineer, Fire Captain, Fire Battalion Chief and finally Fire Chief. He has worked in all divisions of the department including Fire Suppression, Fire Prevention, Fire Training, Emergency Medical Services, Disaster Preparedness and Fire Administration.

His education includes an A.A. Degree in Fire Science from Los Angeles Valley College, and a B.S. Degree in Fire Protection Administration and Technology from California State University Los Angeles. His background also includes seven years of experience as a football player while at L.A.V.C. and Utah State University. He played professionally with the Toronto "Rifles" of the now-defunct Continental Football League as well as the New York "Jets" organization of the American Football League.

Chief Davis is a proud member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs where he serves on the Elections Committee. He is a member of the Western Fire Chiefs' Association and has faithfully served on the board of directors for the California Fire Chiefs' Association for 11 years. In addition, he maintains a membership in the Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs' Association where he serves on several subcommittees, the Foothill Fire Chiefs' Association, and the Burbank Chapter of Rotary International. Michael Davis is one of Burbank's shining role models and outstanding citizens. He has brought prestige to the Burbank Fire Department's past, present, and future.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in congratulating Michael Davis for an exemplary professional and public service career, and for his immense commitment to the City of Burbank and its residents.

HONORING U.S. ARMY  
LIEUTENANT KEN BALLARD

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor U.S. Army Lieutenant Ken Ballard who was tragically killed on Sunday, May 30th in Najaf, Iraq. Lt. Ballard served as a platoon leader in the U.S. Army's 2nd Battalion, 37th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Division.

Lt. Ballard grew up in the Bay Area of California. After graduating from Mountain View High School in 1995, he joined the Army where he served in Germany, Bosnia, and Macedonia. He won an ROTC scholarship to

Middle Tennessee State University and earned a bachelors degree in international relations prior to his deployment to Iraq.

Lt. Ken Ballard comes from a proud tradition of military service. He is the fourth generation on both sides of his family to serve our country in uniform going back to World War I. Lt. Ballard served courageously and with honor through unimaginable circumstances, acting bravely to protect the lives of those with whom he served.

Ken Ballard gave his life at the age of 26 with a bright and promising future ahead of him. It is with both sorrow and pride that we remember Lt. Ballard. As many in his hometown of Mountain View and across the Bay Area gather to mourn his loss, we honor Lt. Ballard's leadership, selfless sacrifice, and courageous service to our nation. Lt. Ballard was an outstanding American and a great Californian.

Our thoughts and condolences go out to his mother Karen Meredith and father Tom Ballard and all his family.

# RECOGNIZING 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALLIED LANDING AT NOR- MANDY DURING WORLD WAR II

SPEECH OF

**HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 1, 2004*

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 60th Anniversary of D-Day, the Allied landing at Normandy during World War II by American, British, Canadian and other Allied troops. Our nation's enduring gratitude goes out to the courageous veterans whose foresight and sacrifice brought the Allied forces perhaps the most crucial victory of World War II.

The 60th anniversary of D-Day commemorates a pivotal point in the war and a unique moment in time when coordination and valor forged unprecedented advancement of the Allied forces against the Nazis and their Axis powers. Operation Overlord, the most extensive amphibious operation ever to occur involved 153,000 members of the Allied Expeditionary Force who stormed five separate beaches at Normandy. It was a battle labeled 'The Great Crusade in Europe' by Allied Supreme Commander Dwight D. Eisenhower. Facing exceptional danger, 800 planes, full of airborne paratroopers carrying ninety to one hundred twenty pounds of extra weight on their back, invaded occupied Normandy with a mission to secure crucial high grounds, roads and bridges. In close succession, 30,000 vehicles charged the five separate beaches at Normandy, carrying soldiers who became the first to cross the formidable English Channel since 1688.

Poised to attack the disciplined German Army and seized with the loss of most of their radios and 60% of their supplies during landing, the men at D-Day could not rely on superior technology. In one of history's defining moments, the liberation of occupied France depended on human skill and will power, on anticipating the enemy and charging courageously forward. Ultimately, on D-Day, bravery in combat changed history. The soldiers of six valiant divisions met the most uncertain of



risks to defend the freedom we cherish today, suffering close to 9,000 casualties. As Winston Churchill said of his British troops, 'Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.'

Today, as we remember the invasion of Normandy as the turning point of World War II, we commemorate what the defeat of Hitler's army symbolized to the United States and to the world, a landmark in the struggle for Liberty and Democracy.

June 6, 1944, marked the beginning of the end of Hitler's ambition for world domination.

In honoring the anniversary of this democratic touchstone, we acknowledge the legacy of America's historic charge—wars fought for truly just causes. We etch this day into our Nation's profound memory so that we may convey to new generations the respect that liberty commands and the gratitude we owe to courage.

#### A TRIBUTE TO PAUL AZEVEDO

### HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Paul Azevedo, a resident of Pacifica, California, located in my Congressional district, who passed away on May 9th. Mr. Azevedo was a popular columnist at the Pacifica Tribune, a local paper, a historian of his beloved town, and above all, a family man.

Mr. Azevedo was born in Sonoma County, California on March 20, 1931. He served in the U.S. Army and earned a degree from San Jose State University. Mr. Azevedo moved with his wife Lydia to picturesque Pacifica 41 years ago where they raised four children, Mike, Rena, Martin and Joane, in this picturesque Peninsula town.

Mr. Azevedo joined the Pacifica Tribune in 1966 as an ad salesman and proceeded to hold almost every imaginable job at the paper before eventually settling into his role as a columnist. Known as "The Reactor", Mr. Azevedo eloquently opined on all matters that affected the Peninsula. Sometimes he merely related historical anecdotes that he thought relevant to the present day. A bit of a maverick, he did not always write the conventional column, but inspired praise nonetheless for engaging his readers on a variety of diverse and interesting subjects.

Mr. Speaker, no one knew more about the Pacifica and no details escaped his steel trap of a mind. In the last "Reactor" column, his family recalled all of the places around town that he loved with no area left out.

As one would expect of a vocal columnist, Mr. Azevedo had strong opinions about politics, however despite those opinions his overriding desire was to insure that his beloved democracy was upheld. That is why in addition to writing his column, he also worked in the local election's office, proofreading election material in English, Chinese and Spanish and although not fluent in Chinese and Spanish, he spotted errors in the materials that fluent speakers overlooked by finding inconsistencies in the text. Mr. Azevedo also looked to preserve the natural beauty of Pacifica as a member of the Open Space Committee.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Azevedo was as much apart of Pacifica as the fog that rolls in off the

ocean and the waves that crash on his beloved beaches. Both his personality and his column will be sorely missed. I invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to him, and all that he meant to family, friends, and neighbors on the Peninsula.

#### IN HONOR OF THOMAS REEFE

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas Q. Reeve, whose lifelong dedication to the Santa Cruz community consists of over 35 years of volunteerism and leadership with local organizations. Tom will be retiring from his current position as Executive Director of Leadership Santa Cruz County where he has diligently worked to advance the interests of the organization for the betterment of the community for over 13 years.

Tom first became involved in local politics while attending UC Berkeley in the 1960's. He was soon recognized by many as a community organizer and anti-war activist. His education was interrupted by military service while he served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. After a distinguished tour, Tom returned to receive his PhD in African History in 1974. Following the receipt of his degree, Tom taught History at the University of North Carolina. After a fruitful career as a professor, Tom accepted a position at the University of California Santa Cruz as Director of Career Services where he worked until 1993.

Beyond his extensive professional experience, Tom has been an integral part of the local Santa Cruz community as well. A member of the first graduating class of Leadership Santa Cruz in 1986, Tom has remained loyal to the organization since its inception. Due to his innovative and sustainable proposals, Leadership Santa Cruz has blossomed into a much relied upon organization within our community. Under his tutelage, over 600 members of our community, including members of my district staff, have been guided through an extensive course intended to outline the various facets that make up Santa Cruz County.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Tom on his much deserved retirement and thank him for his contribution to our society. Tom has continuously gone above and beyond the roles bestowed upon him and has left in his wake a legacy of community leadership. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

#### RECOGNIZING MR. DAVID SICKLER

### HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. David Sickler, a lifelong champion for working families.

Mr. Sickler serves as the Director of the Southern California State Building and Construction Trades Council. Under his leadership, Mr. Sickler has successfully advanced the goals of the Council and has proven to be one of the most talented and effective union

organizers in the country. In particular, he is at the forefront of the national movement to promote and protect the rights of immigrant workers.

For over a decade, Mr. Sickler has served as Chair of the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) Labor Center's Advisory Committee. His dynamic and compassionate leadership on the Committee make him an excellent role model for people of all ages who seek social justice in their communities.

The celebration of the 40th anniversary of the UCLA Labor Center is a testament to the hard work and tireless leadership of David Sickler and so many others who have dedicated their lives to advancing the causes of working families in this nation. I salute David Sickler, and other great labor leaders such as Dolores Huerta, Reverend James Lawson, and Tom Rankin, for their commitment and determination to bring social justice to our country.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the body to recognize labor leaders of the past, the UCLA Labor Center, and all union organizers throughout America.

#### TRIBUTE TO ARMY RESERVE SPECIALIST MICHAEL J. WIESEMANN

### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, It is with great pride and respect that I pay tribute to Army Reserve Specialist Michael J. Wiesemann for his bravery in the field of battle and his willingness to fight for his country. Specialist Wiesemann lost his life Saturday, May 29, 2004, in a non-combat related injury, while bravely serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom for the United States Army. His sacrifice will be remembered at funeral services on Wednesday, June 9, 2004, by a community that has been struck hard by the devastating loss of one of its own.

Specialist Wiesemann, 20, was born in Valparaiso, Indiana. He later moved to North Judson, Indiana, a small town with a population of fifteen hundred, and graduated from North Judson-San Pierre High School in 2002. He was known as a great artist with a witty sense of humor. After high school, Specialist Wiesemann decided to join the Army Reserves with the hope that it would assist him financially with college, help him fulfill his dream of becoming an artist, and allow him to find himself through the discipline and order that it provides.

Michael's sacrifice for his country is a tribute to his dedication and willingness to put others before himself. Those who knew Michael best describe him as a kind, fun-loving person, who always wanted to help others. He ultimately gave his life while protecting his fellow Americans. His courage and heroism will always be remembered, and his sacrifice will forever live in the hearts and minds of those for whom he fought.

Specialist Wiesemann is survived by his mother, Karen Bubac, his stepfather, Robert Bubac, his father, Duwain Wilson, his brother, Travis Bubac, his half-sister, Tori Bubac, and

his fiancée Abigail Trusty, whom he planned to marry when he returned home from Iraq. These individuals were the heroes to a true patriot, so I rise today to honor them and recognize their sacrifice during these tumultuous times.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring a fallen hero, United States Army Reserve Specialist Michael J. Wiesemann. Specialist Wiesemann is the twenty-third service member from Indiana to sacrifice his life during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and his passing comes as a difficult setback to a community shaken by the realities of war. Specialist Wiesemann will forever remain a hero in the eyes of his family, his community, and his country; thus, let us never forget the sacrifice he made to preserve the ideals of freedom and democracy.

WELCOME HOME DUSTIN TULLER

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome home Army Staff Sergeant Dustin Tuller and to thank him for patriotically answering his nation's call to duty.

America has put our power at the service of principle. We believe that liberty is the design of nature, the direction of history, and that human fulfillment and excellence come in the responsible exercise of liberty. Last, we believe that freedom—the freedom we prize—is not for us alone, it is the right and the capacity of all mankind.

By definition, the success of freedom rests upon the choices and the courage of free peoples, and upon their willingness to sacrifice. In the trenches of World War I, through a two-front war in the 1940s, the difficult battles of Korea and Vietnam, to battling the faceless enemy in the war on terror and in missions of rescue and liberation on nearly every continent, Americans have amply displayed our willingness to sacrifice for liberty and freedom.

Just two days before Christmas, Dustin had just positioned his squad outside a building in Iraq to provide security during the raid when the soldiers came under fire. Despite being shot four times in the legs and pelvis, he returned gunfire and started looking for a concealed position. Soon after, Dustin arrived at a hospital and learned that he would have to have both legs amputated. Having hopes of becoming a physical education teacher, the interruption in his life has not deterred his plans.

On a daily basis, we are reminded of the tremendous costs that freedom often requires. Throughout the history of the United States of America, men, women and families have given their all to further our constitutional hopes and dreams.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress; we are humbled by and appreciative of men, women and families like Dustin Tuller's who are willing to answer their nation's call.

Thank you Dustin, Alisha, Dilyn, Zachery, Dammy, and Lexi. We all owe you a heartfelt debt of gratitude. Welcome Home.

## RECOGNIZING FAITH IN ACTION

**HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Faith in Action, a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the many dedicated individuals who serve in this interfaith volunteer caregiving program.

I had the pleasure of meeting with numerous volunteers from throughout my Congressional District during their visit to Washington, and I was uplifted and inspired by the stories they shared with me.

### FAITH IN ACTION FOR CASS COUNTY

Esther is an 83-year-old woman who has osteoporosis and spinal fractures. She is a lovely lady who has lived alone for 30 years since her husband died, in a home built in 1908 in great need of repair. Esther has no children and is on a fixed income.

When she was diagnosed with spinal fractures, she was in a lot of pain and was told there was nothing she could do. She had lost hope. She first came to the attention of Faith in Action when the agency was told the water in her home was undrinkable. A septic system repairman told her he punctured her well and she should not drink the water. Faith in Action found a volunteer who brings her clean water every week. For years she used a flashlight to find her way in the bathroom, as the light fixture did not work. She feared asking a repairperson to help as another repairperson had taken her valuables. The Faith in Action AmeriCorps Vista Worker fixed her light fixture, and there is now a team of Faith in Action volunteers who takes her to the doctor, to the grocery store, and out to lunch. They clean her house, repair her furnace when needed and wrap her frozen pipes. Faith in Action is there for her whenever she needs help; she is always so grateful and occasionally pays \$5 or \$10 to Faith in Action.

Esther is determined to stay in her home so she can feed the deer and chipmunks. Faith in Action volunteers help to provide comfort and assistance so she can stay in her home as long as possible.

### LAKES AREA INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS

Faith in Action in the Lakes Area received a call last fall from the wife of an 84-year-old veteran of 30 years and two wars. She stated that they needed a ramp because he is confined to a wheelchair, she has a bad back, and it is very difficult to get him out of the house. She even stated that she had dropped him down the cement front stairs onto the cement sidewalk the previous week.

This was in late November and within one week Faith in Action had six volunteers over and completed a ramp for them. It snowed the next day. Faith in Action received a nice thank you from her stating that they love the ramp, they feel much safer now, and her back feels much better.

Faith in Action also received a note a while ago thanking them for giving a woman a ride everyday for 18 days to see her husband in intensive care. She stated that without wonderful volunteers who brought her 30 miles in the morning and home again 30 miles in the afternoon, she would not have been able to visit her husband of 66 years before he died.

### NORTHWOODS INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS ARE ESSENTIAL

Tessie has been a transportation volunteer for Northwoods Interfaith for nearly 4 years and has provided over 500 hours of priceless services to several Carereceivers. Not only has she made her car available when someone needed a ride to a medical appointment, to the bank, or to the grocery store, but she has also made herself available, as a friend, to each Carereceiver that she helps. When asking a Carereceiver what she thinks of Tessie, the Carereceiver responded:

"I consider Tessie to be my own special angel. I thank God for sending her every day. She is a true champion, and there's nothing she wouldn't do for me. For the past 3 years, Tessie has driven me to dialysis 3 times a week and even when she had to pick me up at 5:30 in the morning, she was always cheerful and kind. She helps me with errands, takes me out to eat when I don't feel good enough to cook a meal, and keeps me updated on our church news. She has shared her grandchildren with me, her pets, and her home. She is my family. I can't say enough about Tessie. She is a true example of volunteers at their extreme best."

### FAMILY PATHWAYS SENIOR SERVICES

Every month volunteers are asked to report their activities with clients and turn in their mileage report so they can be reimbursed for their mileage and Family Pathways can tabulate statistics for funding sources. Vicki sent in her report and had driven 1,496 miles for the month. That was much higher than usual. The Volunteer Coordinator visited with Vicki and asked if she had to relinquish 2 of her 5 clients which ones would she be able to give up to another volunteer. After some discussion and consideration, she said, "Oh, I couldn't give up any of them." Her clients can't say enough positive things about Vicki and her unrelenting energy and willingness to help others. Vicki is 90 years old.

Family Pathways also assists a couple that lives in a trailer home in the country. He has severe dementia, she has diabetes and has left-sided weakness due to a stroke. Their children all work, and, although they live nearby, they wanted some company for their parents on a weekly basis. Family Pathways found an older couple that wanted to volunteer together. The Volunteer Coordinator brought the volunteer couple to their home to visit to see if it would be a good match. The couples began talking and visiting, and before long an hour had gone by. There was laughter, teasing, story telling and a whole bunch of good feeling around the room. Yes, it was a good match. This couple now goes out once a week to visit. They have driven them into town for shopping, helped plant flowers around their trailer and thoroughly enjoy their time together.

I am proud to rise on the floor today to commend these altruistic individuals and to recognize a program that is bringing together people of different faiths to care for their neighbors. Faith in Action was created in the spirit of community volunteerism and the nearly 1,000 interfaith volunteer caregiving programs that have developed across the country provide the balm of Gilead. The stories of changed lives as a result of their presence in the community has touched me and clearly provides hope to many individuals in need.

## GENOCIDE IN SUDAN

## HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit for the record a letter sent to Secretary General Kofi Annan signed by 45 Members of Congress asking Mr. Annan to go to Darfur, Sudan, to end the genocide.

I would also like to submit for the record an article from the Washington Post, "In Sudan, Staring Genocide in the Face." The author is Jerry Fowler, staff director of the Committee on Conscience, The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

We are staring genocide in the face. Will the world fail to act as it has so many times in the past? Over the next few weeks I will continue to submit stories from leading news sites on this issue. I want the world to know that when historians are looking back at the Darfur genocide and wondering why more was not done, there will be evidence in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that the world knew.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,

June 4, 2004.

Hon. KOFI ANNAN,  
Secretary General, United Nations  
New York, NY.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL: We are extremely concerned that the crisis in Darfur, Sudan, has not received the international attention or response that is needed to save the lives of hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians. With the rainy season just weeks away, the window of opportunity is closing.

The situation on the ground is deteriorating at an alarming rate. Urgent, immediate action is needed to prevent the deaths of hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians. Your going to Darfur would call to the world's attention the ongoing slaughter. Precious time is slipping away.

We greatly appreciate your leadership on this crisis but the situation calls for even bolder action from the United Nations. We urge you to go to Darfur and stand in solidarity with the people.

The international community must act swiftly. Failure to act will bring certain death to the thousands languishing in camps. The world will wake up 10 years from now and wonder why more was not done to protect humanity. The evidence is clear. We cannot say that we did not know.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf; Donald M. Payne; Tom Lantos; Edward R. Royce; Henry J. Hyde; Christopher H. Smith; Sheila Jackson-Lee; Peter A. Defazio; Michael R. McNulty; Peter Deutsch; Lois Capps; Chris Bell; Wm. Lacy Clay; Martin T. Meehan; Michael M. Honda; Elijah E. Cummings; James P. McGovern; Raul M. Grijalva; Todd W. Akin; Vic Snyder; Barbara Lee.

Ken Calvert; Maurice D. Hinchey; Julia Carson; James T. Walsh; Wayne T. Gilchrest; Carolyn B. Maloney; Edolphus Towns; Michael E. Capuano; Mark Steven Kirk; Chris Van Hollen; Jesse L. Jackson; Sue Wilkins Myrick; Betty McCollum; Brad Sherman; Lucille Roybal-Allard; James P. Moran; Henry A. Waxman; Thomas G. Tancredo; Jo Ann Davis; Luis V. Gutierrez; Gerald D. Kleczka; Timothy V. Johnson; Nita M. Lowey; Sam Farr.

[From the Washington Post, June 6, 2004]

IN SUDAN, STARING GENOCIDE IN THE FACE

(By Jerry Fowler)

In the cool desert dawn on May 16, at the Touloum refugee camp in eastern Chad, 2-

year-old Fatima put her hands on her stomach, groaned and died. Her mother, Toma Musa Suleiman, in describing the death to me the next day, said that Fatima had been sick for 10 days. By the time she died, her skin was pallid and felt like plastic—the effects of malnutrition.

I was seeing with my own eyes what I had been hearing about for several months: Children are dying almost every day in refugee camps in eastern Chad, despite a vigorous international effort to get food, water and other essentials to the more than 100,000 who have fled in fear from the Darfur region of neighboring Sudan.

They are among the 1 million Darfurians who have been displaced from their homes, most of whom are still in Sudan, according to aid groups.

Abukar Adam Abukar, a member of a community health team organized by Doctors Without Borders in the Iridimi refugee camp, one of half a dozen such sites, told me that seven children had died there between May 3 and May 14.

He took me to the dusty flat on the edge of the camp where some of them were buried, in a forlorn line of small mounds of earth.

Why did Toma and thousands like her leave their homes and walk for days through the desert, risking their own lives and those of their children? Their stories were remarkably consistent. Person after person in the camps told me that they had fled after attacks on their villages by Arab Janjaweed militias, who have burned hundreds of villages and killed thousands of civilians belonging to black African ethnic groups. To make matters worse, the Janjaweed are backed by the Sudanese government, which wants to put down rebels drawn from those tribes. Many of the refugees said that the Janjaweed had stolen their animals and other property and that relatives or neighbors, usually men and boys, had been killed before their eyes. The refugees fled with little more than the clothes on their backs and the few things they could load onto a donkey. Many also said they were attacked from the air by the Sudanese government's Antonov bombers, either in their villages or as they fled toward the border.

I went to Chad last month on behalf of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's Committee on Conscience, which has issued a genocide warning for Sudan. Having now heard firsthand the refugees' accounts of the terror they faced in Sudan and of being driven into the desert, where their government is blocking assistance from the outside world, I have no doubt whatsoever that mass death will ensue in Darfur unless far more international assistance is immediately allowed to reach the displaced who are still there. In short, I fear the specter of genocide.

I interviewed refugees spread over hundreds of miles in eastern Chad. One woman, Hadiya Adam Ahmed, had crossed into Chad only two days before and was living under a tree near the remote border town of Bahai. Spread around her were her few remaining possessions: a blanket, some water jugs, a few bowls. She had left home without food and in two weeks of travel had depended on her fellow refugees for occasional handfuls of soaked sorghum for herself and her nine children. Hadiya had two bullet wounds in her right leg. She said she had been shot by a Sudanese soldier when she and a 17-year-old girl went to draw water from a well for themselves and others who were fleeing.

When asked why their villages were attacked and burned, most of the refugees said it was because of their black skin. They believe that the Khartoum-based government of President Omar Hassan Bashir wants to give their land to his Janjaweed allies who, like him, are Arab. Members of the Zaghawa,

Masalit, Fur and other black African tribes will simply have to go. Like the Janjaweed, the Darfurians are Muslims. But culturally and ethnically they retain an African identity, of which they are proud. They also tend to be more settled than the nomadic Janjaweed. Racism undoubtedly does play a part in Bashir's support of the Janjaweed, as the blacks are seen as inferior.

Ironically, the prospects for peace in southern Sudan also contribute to the conflict. Fearing that an end to the generation-long rebellion in southern Sudan will divide access to the country's resources between the ruling elite in Khartoum and the southerners and condemn Darfur to permanent second-class status, some Darfurians launched an armed rebellion in early 2003. Khartoum responded by unleashing the Janjaweed and its own military on the black African civilian population. The result was what a team of U.N. investigators last month called a "reign of terror."

Those who have crossed into Chad are relatively lucky. An underfunded international relief effort by organizations such as Catholic Relief Services and Doctors Without Borders is providing some food, water, shelter and health care. For the displaced Darfurians who are still in Sudan, however, the situation is more dire. Khartoum has severely limited international access to them. And in the unforgiving desert, the stealing of food and animals, burning of homes and blockage of access to wells—in short, the campaign of the Janjaweed and the government—is tantamount to a death sentence. The U.S. Agency for International Development estimates that 350,000 Darfurians will die in the coming months unless the government in Khartoum allows international aid groups dramatically better access to the region.

That raises the question of genocide. Under the U.N. Genocide Convention, adopted in 1948 in the shadow of the Holocaust, genocide is defined as certain actions undertaken "with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such." The actions include "killing members of the group," "causing serious bodily and mental harm to members of the group" and—particularly relevant to Darfur—"deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction, in whole or in part." The convention obliges parties to the treaty, including the United States and 130 other nations—to "undertake to prevent and punish" the crime of genocide.

In cases like Darfur, there is always a great deal of hand wringing about what is and is not genocide. But such discussion misses the point: A key element of the Genocide Convention is prevention. It calls for action once it is apparent that genocide is threatened. There is no need for an absolute determination, which is inevitably elusive, that genocide is underway.

And in Darfur there can be no doubt that genocide is threatened. As former U.S. Ambassador David Scheffer once said of Kosovo, there are "indicators of genocide." Whatever the formulation, there is more than enough going on in Darfur to justify preventive action.

Time is of the essence. The rainy season will begin in the next few weeks, making access to Darfur—where major roads become impassable with flooding—difficult, if not impossible.

The government in Khartoum will do whatever it can to forestall any decisive international action. It is well practiced at giving the illusion of taking a step forward while really taking two steps backward. For example, it now is making a show of promising to streamline humanitarian access. But

the record suggests that the government simply cannot be trusted. Even as it was claiming that the situation in Darfur was stable, its Janjaweed allies killed several dozen people on May 22. Allowing better access to aid groups will mean little if the militias continue to run rampant in the countryside.

What is needed now is a U.N. Security Council resolution mandating unrestricted humanitarian access to Darfur and laying the groundwork for the displaced Darfurians to return home safely. The Security Council should invoke the collective obligation to prevent genocide as well as its authority to maintain international peace and security, which is threatened by Janjaweed incursions into Chad and conflicts between the Chadian and Sudanese militaries. A statement issued by the Security Council on May 25, expressing "grave concern" about Darfur, is a step in the right direction. But it is no substitute for a formal resolution.

The United States has been lobbying in the Security Council, but it cannot do it alone. Darfur presents an opportunity for Secretary General Kofi Annan to avoid a repetition of the United Nations' failures during the Rwanda genocide of a decade ago, when warnings of mass murder were ignored. Indeed, in marking the 10th anniversary of the start of the Rwanda genocide on April 7, Annan said that reports from Darfur filled him "with a sense of deep foreboding."

Since then, however, he has said little in public other than to welcome Khartoum's promise to ease restrictions on international relief. His reticence is all the more remarkable because other U.N. officials, such as Mukesh Kapila, until recently the top U.N. humanitarian official in Sudan, have been outspoken in sounding the alarm.

Annan must say, simply, "This must stop" and use all his skill, energy and influence to forge an international consensus to back up that statement. To do otherwise, to welcome empty gestures from perpetrators of the gravest abuses, merely encourages them to continue to murder and pillage.

During both the Holocaust and the Rwanda genocide, warnings were received and ignored. Today we say "never again." The question now is whether we will ignore the warnings while the Africans of Darfur perish and then—once again—say "never again." Or will we act while lives can still be saved?

#### SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY STUDENTS

### HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is a tremendous honor to salute our soldiers of tomorrow—the service academy bound students of the Third District of Texas. This district of Texas is home to some of the best and the brightest young people.

I'm truly confident that they are ready to join the premier military force of the world. It is a privilege to send such fine young people on to our nation's prestigious service academies.

We lift them and their families up in prayer for their future service and sacrifices.

God bless them and God bless America. I salute them.

The appointees and their hometowns follow.

THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT—SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTMENTS

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

Ryan Brence, Plano, Texas, Plano Senior High School; Katherine Palesky, Plano,

Texas, Plano Senior High School; Steven Solaja, Dallas, Texas, Episcopal School of Dallas.

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Travis Atkins, Allen, Texas, Allen High School; Michelle Ellenburg, Frisco, Texas Frisco High School.

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

David Jung, Garland, Texas, Garland High School; Kelly Lewis, Plano, Texas, Plano West Senior High School; Christopher Mahan, Rowlett, Texas, Garland High School; Price Paramore, Allen, Texas, Allen High School; Blake Shaid, Richardson, Texas, Berkner High School; Theodore Shiveley, Plano, Texas, Plano East Senior High School; Aubrey Sperier, Frisco, Texas, Frisco High School.

U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

Amy Harman, Garland, Texas, Naaman Forest High School; Robert Williams, Plano, Texas, Plano West Senior High School.

#### FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

### HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 20, 2004*

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, the recently celebrated Memorial Day Holiday was a reminder for all Americans to unite behind our Commander-in-Chief and support our soldiers. The men and women who valiantly and selflessly fought to rid the world of the evil Iraqi regime and today continue in the fight against terrorism deserve our support and even more, our gratitude and admiration. Alabama has a strong representation in the war on terror through the activation of the Alabama Army and Air National Guard as well as our citizens who serve in the Armed Forces full time. Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom are noble pursuits that will protect the United States from the threat of terrorism and will bring democracy to a region of the world that so desperately needs assistance.

As the father of a Marine, I can sympathize with the concerns and fears faced by families of those who have loved ones fighting the global war on terrorism. In the unfortunate case where a member of our military sacrifices his or her life to preserve our values of liberty and freedom, it is our duty to offer sympathy and support for the family and friends of our fallen heroes. Nineteen Alabamians have made the ultimate sacrifice and will never be forgotten:

Aubrey Bell, Tuskegee.  
John E. Brown, Troy.  
Paul J. Bueche, Daphne.  
Armed Cason, McCalla.  
William Channell, Tuscaloosa.  
Timothy M. Conneway, Enterprise.  
Jeremy D. Foshee, Pisgah.  
Charles G. Haight, Jacksonville.  
Brian Hazelgrove, Fort Rucker.  
Stephen D. Hiller, Opelika.  
Howard Johnson, II, Mobile.  
Phillip Johnson, Alabama.  
Jason D. Jordan, Elba.  
Cedric Lennon, West Blocton.  
Mark O'Steen, Alabama.  
Kelley Prewitt, Birmingham.  
John T. Sims, Alexander City.  
Christopher M. Taylor, Daphne.  
Christopher R. Willoughby, Phoenix City.

As we remember the veterans of World War II who were known as the "Greatest Genera-

tion", those who have fallen in the war on terror remind us that our military and those who serve in it have not lost their greatness. I have the utmost respect for these servicemen and women and their families. God bless our troops.

#### RETIREMENT OF WILLIAM OROS

### HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the conclusion of an outstanding educator's career in the State of Connecticut. With the retirement of William Oros, Connecticut is losing a respected and dedicated educator who has committed more than three decades of his life to the enlightenment of Connecticut's youth.

Over 36 years of service to Connecticut education, Mr. Oros has left an everlasting impression on his students. From his direct contact with the youth of Connecticut's Northwest Corner as a science and math teacher in Cornwall, to his leadership as Supervising Principal at the Cornwall Consolidated Elementary School, Mr. Oros has deeply affected the lives of each of his pupils. His ability to influence the lives of young students has been unparalleled.

Moreover, Mr. Oros has achieved undying respect from his students and peers alike. Most recently, as Assistant Superintendent of Schools for the New Fairfield School District, Mr. Oros has worked with staff to develop in-service training programs and professional development for educators, as well as serving as a resource of support and assistance for individuals who serve in all areas of education. Mr. Oros' exemplary leadership throughout his extended career is an example for all to follow, not just in the field of education, but for anyone concerned with the future of our state and Nation.

The enthusiasm and dedication Mr. Oros displays towards the educating of the youth in Connecticut has been both commendable and contagious. It is imperative for individuals such as he to nurture the growth of tomorrow's leaders. I wish Mr. Oros the best towards a happy and healthy retirement.

#### IN MEMORY OF GERTRUDE HOLDER

### HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to celebrate the memory of Gertrude Holder, who recently passed away on the 30th of May at the age of 85. Gertrude was a dedicated citizen who served her Nation and community throughout her life. A daughter of Russian immigrants, for 35 years Ms. Holder helped federal agencies of the United States better serve the public while employed by the General Services Administration. As a retiree, she continued to benefit her surrounding citizens. She could be often found volunteering to help voters at the polling place of her local senior citizens' center in Revere, Massachusetts.

A tribute to the vitality of her public service, her grandson served as a Congressional Page under the late Congressman Joseph Moakley. Unquestionably, her spirit of public service will be passed on to her daughter, son, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and community.

HONORING MR. JAMES MCLIVAIN

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. James McIlvain upon his retirement after 37 years of service to Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Mr. James McIlvain has had a long and distinguished career in academia. Following his graduation from Ohio State University where he developed a love of history, government and politics, James was led to the noble profession of teaching. Beginning his career in 1967 at Adams Junior High School, he taught United States History and Geography contributing to the education of countless students and enriching the lives of the students, families, staff and faculty around him. After advancing excellence in the classroom, James became a guidance counselor where he served as a role model promoting good character and helping students as they made the transition into adulthood. Undoubtedly, the everlasting legacy of James's work can be seen in the community, as he has helped create the future generation of leaders.

His wife, Susan, and his two daughters, Becky and Kelly, should be extremely proud of the undeniable mark he has left on the community. We at home will remember and always benefit from his dedication and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere appreciation to Mr. James McIlvain upon his retirement as a John Glenn High School Guidance Counselor and for his fine service to our country.

CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA ALL-AMERICA CITY AWARD

**HON. ROBIN HAYES**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the people of Concord, North Carolina as they compete for the 2004 All-America City Award.

It has been my distinct honor to represent the people of Concord since I was first elected to represent the 8th Congressional District of North Carolina. This opportunity is especially dear to me because this is my home town and where much of my family still resides. In fact, my family has called Concord home for decades, and we have had the privilege of watching this community grow. Concord personifies the term, "Southern Hospitality," and is home to some of the most engaging, welcoming, and civically responsible citizens in the state of North Carolina.

Through the close relationships I have forged with the citizens of Concord, and the

pride I have in this community, it is truly an honor for me to highlight this great city today. Because of Concord's hard work, the rest of America is getting to see the positive spirit of accomplishment that I have been fortunate to witness my entire life.

The All-America City Award is a 55-year-old program sponsored by the National Civic League that recognizes civic excellence. The Award is given annually to 10 communities that exemplify and display a positive spirit of grassroots involvement and collaborative problem solving in an effort to better their community.

The current nominees, including Concord, exhibit the American spirit of hard work and cooperation as they seek to identify and correct community-wide challenges. Concord is a community where citizens, businesses, volunteers, and government officials work together to address issues that are vitally important to their citizens. Concord should take pride in the fact that they are in contention for recognition by this national organization for their hard work. Truly, Concord is a great example for other communities to emulate as other communities seek to overcome the many challenges that face all communities, large or small.

To qualify for the All-American City Award, Concord representatives first had to submit a detailed application highlighting the city's three most pressing challenges. They are: addressing the medical needs of the uninsured and underinsured, eliminating substandard housing in the community, and extending the mentoring and civic responsibility of the Boys and Girls Club of Concord. Programs such as the Community Care Plan, Cabarrus Housing Partners, and the Boys and Girls Club of America have been designed and implemented to ensure these aforementioned areas are addressed.

I am pleased to represent such a fine community where the citizens come together to solve problems at a local level rather than waiting on someone else to fix things. A wise man once said that there are three types of people in this world: those who watch what happens, those who make things happen, and those who wonder what happened. Rest assured, the people of my home town, Concord, North Carolina are people who make good things happen. It is my honor and privilege to represent these good folks and I am hopeful the National Civic League will recognize the City of Concord's success by awarding them the All-America City Award.

HONORING THE OCEANSIDE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2004

**HON. DARRELL E. ISSA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Class of 2004 graduates of Oceanside High School in Oceanside, CA and to wish the students continued success as they pursue their dreams and goals.

I would like to also extend a special thanks to Superintendent Kenneth Noonan, Principal Kimo Marquardt and to all of the teachers and administrators who contribute to the quality educational experience that students receive

at Oceanside High School. It is through the hard work and caring of these leaders that students are able to graduate from Oceanside High School with the tools they need to become successful members of society and future leaders in our communities. I commend and congratulate you all.

Mr. Speaker, Oceanside High School is a great example of how a public school should work. Students at Oceanside High School have the opportunity to learn a challenging academic curriculum in a positive learning environment that stresses the importance of civic responsibility and cultural diversity. It is important that our future leaders receive a strong education, work ethic, and an awareness of our global society—Oceanside High School has succeeded in providing the students with this knowledge.

The graduates of Oceanside High School have taken an important step forward today as they don their cap and gown and walk across the stage to accept their diplomas. Each student graduating today has the potential to achieve great success and it is up to each one of them to determine how they are going to make a difference in our communities. I congratulate you all for your accomplishment today and encourage you to pursue your goals and continue to build on the knowledge you have learned.

Your accomplishments at Oceanside High School have opened many doors for you. From this point forward, the only limits on your future are those you place on yourself—anyone who says otherwise is wrong. If you have the determination, are equipped with knowledge and you outline a goal, you have the ability to accomplish great things. Again, I congratulate the Class of 2004 and wish you all continued success.

HONORING MRS. BARBARA WHITE

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mrs. Barbara White upon her retirement after nearly 40 years of service to the citizens of the City of Garden City, Michigan and the students of Garden all City Public Schools.

Barbara White began her career in the Garden City Public School District in 1964 where she served as Head Secretary for Memorial, Maplewood, Cambridge, and Marquette Elementary Schools. Over the next 23 years, she contributed to the education of the countless students enriching the lives of the students, families, staff and faculty around her. Following her retirement in 1987, Mrs. White was elected to the Garden City School Board. During her tenure as a Board Member, she served on the Finance, Facilities, and Policy Committees where she helped to create and implement policies that would educate and prepare students to be knowledgeable, responsible, contributing citizens. Serving 16 years on the school board, she tirelessly acted as an advocate for an intellectually alive and meaningful curriculum for all students in Garden City Public Schools.

Her husband, Dwight, and her sons, Glen, Howard, and Noel, should be extremely proud

of the undeniable mark she has left on the community. We at home will fondly remember and always benefit from her dedication and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere appreciation to Mrs. Barbara White upon her retirement from Garden City Public Schools and for her fine service to our country.

IN HONOR OF LIEUTENANT  
COLONEL MICHAEL J. DELANEY

**HON. ROBIN HAYES**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the meritorious service of Lieutenant Colonel Michael J. Delaney to our Army and our nation. Lieutenant Colonel Delaney will soon complete 23 years of service and has distinguished himself as an outstanding American Soldier I have worked with LTC Delaney during the past several years during his time in the Army Office of Legislative Liaison and have had the privilege to travel with him. He will retire on August 1, 2004.

Most recently, LTC Delaney served as a congressional liaison for the United States Army. This position holds great importance as these individuals are often the "voice" of the Army for Congressional Members. I have often asked LTC Delaney for his advice, thoughts, opinions or help matters concerning the US Army, and he has always provided the highest level of professionalism and service to me. Perhaps this assignment was preordained, however, as Lieutenant Colonel Delaney's wife, Susan, and mother-in-law, Shirley, both served on the staffs of several Senators.

Over his 23 years of selfless service, Lieutenant Colonel Delaney served in many command and staff positions worldwide. As a junior officer, he stood at the forefront of freedom during the Cold War in Germany and earned his wings as an aviator, qualifying on a variety of rotary wing and fixed wing aircraft. During Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Lieutenant Colonel Delaney commanded an aviation unit based at Fort Belvoir. Despite the wide dispersion of his unit throughout the combat theater, they were able to successfully accomplish their mission due to his exceptional and inspirational leadership. Lieutenant Colonel Delaney has since served in a variety of positions of increasing responsibility throughout the continental United States.

Lieutenant Colonel Delaney's work as a legislative liaison and as the Chief of the Programs Division enabled the Army to provide this Congress the information we need to accomplish our constitutional duties. His efforts have been exceptional and noteworthy in working with Congress during a critical time as the Army undertook Transformation, in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and during our current efforts with the Global War on Terrorism. Throughout this critical time Lieutenant Colonel Delaney has fostered a personal relationship between members of Congress and the United States Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Delaney represents the epitome of what the Army seeks in a congressional liaison and the country expects from our officers. His dedication to soldiers, commitment to excellence, and performance of duty

have been extraordinary throughout his career. As he pursues new endeavors and challenges, I wish LTC Mike Delaney well and ask God to bless him and his family.

PROPER PERSPECTIVE ON THE  
PADILLA CASE

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, the Justice Department recently released information about the alleged offenses of Jose Padilla, described by the Deputy Attorney General as "a trained, funded, and equipped terrorist."

If the allegations are accurate—and I have no reason to doubt them—that description seems very apt. But that cannot be the end of the story.

That's because, as the Rocky Mountain News notes, Jose Padilla is something else as well—"an American citizen who was arrested on U.S. soil two years ago and who thus enjoys, or should enjoy, certain rights—including the right to either be charged with a crime or freed from detention."

But, as the same editorial correctly points out, "Instead, he still faces no charges, and the legality of his imprisonment awaits a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court."

When this case was considered by the Supreme Court, the Administration argued that by passage of Public Law 107-40, a resolution "to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against those responsible for the recent attacks launched against the United States," Congress authorized such detentions. But as one who voted for that resolution, I disagree with that interpretation of its terms.

Here, too, I share the view of the Rocky Mountain News that "surely Congress did not mean to grant the executive branch unchecked discretion over the imprisonment of Americans for as long as the war against Islamic jihadists continues. That would amount to the suspension of a fundamental right for years—perhaps for generations, for all we know."

And I share the hope that the Supreme Court will "reaffirm the right of citizens—every citizen—to full and timely access to legal counsel and the judicial system. And that includes even those who may have been in league with international terrorists and who planned to blow up high-rise apartment buildings on their behalf."

For the benefit of our colleagues, I attach the full text of the editorial cited above:

[From the Rocky Mountain News, June 3, 2004]

PADILLA'S PLOTS DON'T NEGATE HIS RIGHTS

We are perfectly willing to entertain the likelihood that the Justice Department's latest portrayal of alleged terrorist Jose Padilla is accurate, including the monstrous plan to blow up high-rise apartment buildings. Padilla met with top al-Qaida leaders, according to Deputy Attorney General James Comey, discussed detonating a "dirty bomb" in the United States and finally agreed to a scheme involving apartment buildings. He would rent rooms in several complexes, seal them and fill them with natural gas, and detonate them all at once.

Padilla is "a soldier of our enemy, a trained, funded and equipped terrorist" who accepted "an assignment to kill hundreds of innocent men, women and children," Comey told reporters this week, and the description sounds about right. But Padilla is something else, too: an American citizen who was arrested on U.S. soil two years ago and who thus enjoys, or should enjoy, certain rights—including the right to either be charged with a crime or freed from detention. Instead, he still faces no charges, and the legality of his imprisonment awaits a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court.

With its latest revelations, the Justice Department obviously is seeking to influence public opinion and perhaps even the court itself, although we don't begrudge it the attempt. But the new information fails to alter the basic problem with designating U.S. citizens arrested in this country as "enemy combatants" for purposes of removing them from normal criminal justice procedures and then interrogating them over lengthy periods of time without benefit of counsel. If the president's say-so is enough to have kept Padilla in custody for two years without a criminal charge, then nothing in principle prevents any one of us from the same fate. Federal agents have been known to arrest the wrong people, after all, and then to resist admitting their mistakes.

Fortunately, Padilla's case is apparently unique in the war on terror, despite routine claims that the Bush administration tramples indiscriminately on constitutional rights. Another U.S. citizen who also has been held in a Navy brig without normal access to counsel, Yaser Esam Hamdi, was captured in Afghanistan by the Northern Alliance. He too deserves full constitutional protections, in our view, but there is at least some sense in which being arrested at O'Hare Airport and then held incommunicado for months on end, as Padilla was, is more worrisome for civil liberties than being treated in the same fashion after capture in a foreign combat zone.

We realize courts in this nation's past have said Congress has the authority to suspend certain civil liberties during wartime emergencies. Moreover, a congressional joint resolution passed after 9/11 authorized the president "to prevent any future acts of international terrorism against the United States." But surely Congress did not mean to grant the executive branch unchecked discretion over the imprisonment of Americans for as long as the war against Islamic jihadists continues. That would amount to the suspension of a fundamental right for years—perhaps for generations, for all we know.

No, the Supreme Court must reaffirm the right of citizens—every citizen—to full and timely access to legal counsel and the judicial system. And that includes even those who may have been in league with international terrorists and who planned to blow up high-rise apartment buildings on their behalf.

A HERO RETURNS TO NORMANDY

**HON. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, this past Saturday the world marked the 60th Anniversary of D-Day in Normandy. President Bush, Queen Elizabeth, and other world leaders were there, but the true heroes were those whose sacrifice is reflected by the sea of white



crosses, and the surviving veterans who returned to France some six decades later. Glen Dunlap, 86, of Chardon Township was one of those veterans to return to Normandy.

Glen Dunlap served as a U.S. Army staff sergeant in World War II. There were a number of young guys who served from our area, and from Hamden and Concord townships, particularly. Even though Glen was in his early 20s, Mr. Speaker, he was considered the elder statesman of the group. The local guys actually called him "Pop."

Glen Dunlap worked hard, put his own life in danger every single day, and had his men's backs. He was the guy who made sure that supplies got from the factory to the foxhole, and he's part of what Tom Brokaw calls "The Greatest Generation." Glen was away at war for 2 years, and left behind his wife, a daughter and his two boys. When he returned home, he resumed his life and work, raised his family, and never once complained. He felt blessed to have survived when so many didn't.

On Saturday, Glen and 99 other Americans who traveled to Normandy were awarded the French Legion of Honor Medal, which is akin to our Congressional Medal of Honor. It is the highest honor bestowed by the French government and rarely is given to foreigners.

No one is more deserving of this award than Glen Dunlap, who fought for the survival of democracy. On behalf of the 14th Congressional District of Ohio, I thank Glen Dunlap for his service to our country, and congratulate him on receiving the Legion of Honor Medal. May God bless Glen Dunlap and his family, and may He bless the United States of America.

#### RECOGNIZING SHERRI AND ROBERT VINES FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE IN SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA

#### HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, today it is my pleasure to recognize Sherri and Robert Vines for more than 30 years of community service in San Bernardino County, California. The Vines, who are being honored with the Norman F. Feldheim Award from Congregation Emanu El in our community, exemplify the volunteerism that is the backbone of our American communities.

Currently the President of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of San Bernardino County, Robert Vines has been serving his Congregation and his community for 30 years. Robert has been a respected member of the California State Bar since 1973 and served as the Deputy District Attorney for the County of San Bernardino from 1973–1975. As a member of Congregation Emanu El, Robert has served in a number of important positions, including Financial Secretary of the entire Congregation.

His wife Sherri has served Congregation Emanu El in many capacities, including teaching at the School of Jewish Living, chairing the Community Sedar and three terms as Sisterhood President.

Mr. Speaker, together they have been leading members of their community serving as of-

ficers in the Arrowhead United Way, as host family for the Western Regional Little League Tournament, and as coaches in the local Little League and AYSO. They have contributed their skills and resources to programs of Congregation Emanu El, including sponsoring temple events and serving as a host family for NTTY Conclave.

Sherri and Robert Vines will receive the Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Award on June 12, 2004 on the 113th anniversary of the founding of their Congregation. They are certainly deserving of the award, which pays tribute to members who most closely resemble the Rabbi Feldheim's qualities of love and loyalty to the synagogue, service to the community, and personal traits of humility, kindness, care and love. Please join me, Mr. Speaker, in recognizing Sherri and Robert for their outstanding service to their community.

#### CONGRATULATING THE CHESTNUT RIDGE LIONS CLUB ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Chestnut Ridge Lions Club on its 50th Anniversary and to recognize the club's unyielding service to the community.

The selfless desire to help those in need is rare throughout the world, yet here in America the culture of charitable giving thrives. This is a nation that takes enormous pride in its legacy of generosity and equality. It is out of this legacy that numerous organizations have sprouted and grown upon the foundation of service to others.

At its inception, the Chestnut Ridge Lions Club adopted the creed, "we serve," which reflects the very cornerstone upon which this nation was built. Since 1954, the club has maintained its commitment to service by contributing to countless scholarship funds, school activities, and community projects. Members of the club have worked tirelessly to improve the community in any way possible and have dedicated much of their time to inspiring children to make their mark in society.

Without the Chestnut Ridge Lions Club, numerous high school students would not have gone to college, countless public works projects would have remained incomplete, and many of those in need would still be without aid. Additionally, the festivities organized to celebrate holidays, the changing of seasons, and local milestones have provided an atmosphere in which the community has been able to strengthen its cohesion as well as its culture.

The legacy of service that instills a unique pride in the hearts of every American citizen has penetrated the walls of the Chestnut Ridge Lions Club and influenced the lives of scores of people. For its commitment to the citizens of Pennsylvania throughout the last 50 years, I am extremely grateful to the Chestnut Ridge Lions Club.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE OF NANCY OSTAPOWICZ TO THE RESIDENTS OF MICHIGAN'S THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#### HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to one of my staffers, Nancy Ostapowicz, who last month retired after serving the residents of West Michigan for 25 years.

As most of us know, being a staff member in a Congressional district office is often a thankless and relatively anonymous job. They usually do not receive the credit they deserve for a job well-done, and all too often they must deal with concern, frustration or anger of constituents who are upset by government actions or have been ill-treated by the bureaucratic system.

Nancy, who has directed my constituent services since I joined Congress in 1993, handled such situations with incredible aplomb, working tirelessly and compassionately with the people who contacted our Grand Rapids office in search of assistance. I was fortunate to have inherited Nancy, as she first started working for Congressman Hal Sawyer in 1979, then continued with Congressman Paul Henry when he took office in 1985.

Over the past quarter-century, Nancy helped literally thousands of people with a wide variety of problems too numerous to list here today, although it is safe to say that she was especially gratified by her efforts helping immigrants and reuniting families so that they could come to the United States and pursue the American dream.

Without a doubt, Nancy's biggest legacy is that those thousands of people would be willing to line up and thank her for the help she gave them. She has served so many people over the years that it is not unusual to see someone walk up to Nancy to thank her for assistance that she provided 10 or 20 years ago.

And so, today, add me to the list of people who have said "Thank you" to Nancy Ostapowicz. Others will ably do her job, but no one can ever replace her.

Congratulations, Nancy, on a fine career of public service, and best wishes to you and Dan in your retirement.

#### RECOGNIZING AND HONORING FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE, PUBLIC SERVANTS, CIVILIANS, AND PRIVATE BUSINESSES WHO RESPONDED TO DEVASTATING FIRE IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, ON MARCH 26, 2004

SPEECH OF

#### HON. ROBERT C. SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 1, 2004*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. I rise today in support of H. Res. 612, introduced by my colleague from Virginia, Mr. CANTOR.

On March 26, 2004, there were a series of devastating fires in Richmond, Virginia. The



first fire began shortly after 12:30, and spread quickly. Wind gusting to nearly 20 mph blew burning debris onto other buildings.

The fires resulted in the destruction of numerous buildings and property, and spread through city blocks and a section of the Virginia Commonwealth University campus. A total of 29 buildings suffered damage, with 19 being condemned by either water or structural damage. Yet, the destruction and damage could certainly have been worse. It was only through the combined efforts of the firefighters who responded to the scene that the fire was contained as quickly as it was. Local firefighters who initially answered the call were later assisted by firefighters from fire stations throughout the region. There were about 200 firefighters on the scene, along with 50 pieces of equipment. Together, they worked to defeat the blaze—and fought the challenging wind, smoke and heat conditions in order to save the remaining area. We thank them today for their heroic efforts to contain the damage and to protect human lives.

It is appropriate for us to also recognize the efforts of the police on March 26th. As always, they were instrumental in keeping our citizens safe. For example, they evacuated several buildings and about 50 nearby homes, going door to door.

And last, today, we recognize the countless private citizens, volunteers and organizations that—along with the firefighters, police, and public servants—worked as a seamless team preserving and protecting human lives, defending property, and providing food and comfort to all affected.

All of these individuals deserve our recognition, and our gratitude. They met their community's call to duty by providing brave and steadfast assistance and upholding the finest traditions of the Commonwealth of Virginia. We, and all Americans, thank you for your supreme efforts.

## FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

**HON. TOM DELAY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 20, 2004*

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, James Vincent DePierri was a soldier of the greatest generation and one of my constituents. He passed away on August 7, 2000. The following eulogy was written by his son-in-law, Dalton Smith, and delivered at the funeral by his son, Jim DePierri.

JAMES VINCENT DEPIERRI—SOLDIER,  
SURVIVOR

He was only 21 years old that cloudy overcast day. It was the 6th of June, 1944. He had been anxiously waiting just offshore for hours that seemed like days. Men beside him were saying prayers and writing their last letters to their loved ones, for they knew what lay before them that fateful day, D-Day—the Allied Invasion of Normandy. Thousands of American soldiers died that day on the beaches of Normandy, the worst casualties having been inflicted on Omaha Beach. As luck would have it, that is where a young soldier named James Vincent DePierri would be going ashore.

Young Jim DePierri would be lucky that day. He survived one of the worst battles and

the greatest infliction of casualties the United States Armed Forces has ever endured. Jim DePierri was a survivor.

It no doubt comes as news to even his closest friends that Jim was even in World War II, much less that he was one of those brave souls who stormed Omaha Beach on D-Day. Jim was not the kind to brag of his exploits or for that matter even mention his experience. It would probably also be news that Jim DePierri participated in 4 other of the major battles of World War II, including the Battle of the Bulge. Jim DePierri was a survivor.

It may be that having seen so many of his fellow soldiers die all around him that Jim considered every day he had on earth thereafter to be a blessing. His service to the church may have been his way of trying to silently repay what I am sure he believed to be a gift from God, the gift of life.

The real benefactors of that gift are here today embodied in his children, Carol, Patty, Jim and Sharon along with the love of his life, his wife, Rose, and their grandchildren.

His first grandson, my son Jordan Vincent Smith, asked me one day if Papa Jim had been in the war. When we inquired, we were astonished to learn of how much Jim, who never spoke of the war, was involved in World War II. That was many years ago, but I had read of soldiers who had never received their medals, so I gave the information to Jim and he wrote off to the Army. What came back was a box full of medals, that would have filled the chest of any soldier's uniform, including a medal for 114 days of duty on the front lines. But you would have never known from Jim that he had even been in the Army.

It has been said that his was the greatest generation. With quiet heroes like Jim DePierri, a man of character, determination and forthrightness, there is no doubt in my mind that his was the greatest generation.

Those of my generation can only read about or see the film of those great battles. To have been there was clearly a privilege. They considered it their duty. A duty owed to one's country that those of us who were not there can only imagine. That is not to say that we should forget or let pass into distant memory, the heroes of this country. Soon they will all be gone, but to those of you who knew Jim DePierri, who know a silent hero like Jim, or who may have been one of those fortunate souls to have been afforded the honor of fighting for their country and the freedom that we now enjoy, please do not let another day go by without thanking them and their generation of heroes or knowing how much you are appreciated.

Luckily, we had the opportunity to thank Jim. On the 50th anniversary of D-Day, we took Jim and Rose out to dinner, without saying why (I am not sure I even told his daughter, Patty, my wife). The Italian restaurant was full that evening, but I took it upon myself to stand up, get the attention of the whole restaurant and propose a toast to Jim DePierri and all of the soldiers who risked their lives for us on that 6th day of June 1944. Jim was embarrassed, but glad someone cared.

In subsequent years, I would send Jim clippings of editorials on Veterans Day and subsequent anniversaries of D-Day. He would not say anything to anyone else, except maybe Rose, but he always appreciated someone remembering.

Today we are here to remember Jim DePierri, a soldier, a survivor, that most never heard of, but without whom we may not be here today enjoying the freedom he helped to preserve.

Thank you Jim DePierri and I will assure you that your grandchildren and all future generations will remember their grandfather

and great grandfather and his service to his country.

Jim DePierri, a hero, of the greatest generation.

## NORTHWEST INDIANA FEDERATION OF LABOR AFL-CIO

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate some of the most dedicated and skilled workers in Northwest Indiana. The Northwest Indiana Federation of Labor AFL-CIO will recognize these individuals for their dedication during a banquet to be held at the Avalon Manor Banquet Hall in Hobart, Indiana, on Thursday, June 10, 2004. These individuals, in addition to the other Northwest Indiana Federation of Labor members who have served Northwest Indiana so diligently for such a long period of time, are a testament to the exemplary American worker: loyal, dedicated, and hardworking.

Mr. Johnathan Comer will receive the Old Warrior Award. Mr. Comer was the first African American to be elected to a major basic steel local—Youngstown Sheet & Tube, USWA 1011. He has spent many years dedicating his life to the interests of the labor community as well as his community in Northwest Indiana. The years of hard work he has put forth are a true inspiration to all.

Mr. Robert Cashman will receive the George Meany Award. Mr. Cashman has contributed graciously to the youth of our community. His dedication and devotion to the youth of our nation is a goal we should all strive to achieve.

Ms. Robin Rich is being honored with the Service to Labor Award. She has been a devoted organizer for the United States Steelworkers of America in District 7. Ms. Rich is a bold, strong, and loyal person, and is willing to fight for what she believes in. She has organized various events and programs for USWA District 7. Ms. Rich has given her time and effort selflessly to the people of Northwest Indiana and Illinois throughout her career.

Mr. Bob Anadell is being honored with the Community Service Award. Bob has spent nearly 40 years dedicating his life to the interests of Local 697 as well as his community in Northwest Indiana. His career at Loom 697 has allowed him the opportunity to touch the lives of numerous people.

Portage Mayor Doug Olson and City Council Members Elizabeth Modesto, David Fagen, David Highlands, Ed Gottschling, Richard Turnak, Mark Oprisko, and Olga Velazquez, are being honored with the Union Label Award. The exceptional service they have provided to the community deserves our admiration and respect. The dedication and commitment these elected officials have demonstrated for their community is exemplary of the values we cherish in Northwest Indiana.

David Chlebek is being honored with the 23rd Annual President's Award. David is a fine example of the tenets embodied by those who have dedicated their lives to enhancing the well being of workers throughout Northwest Indiana. He has mastered his trade and has consistently performed at the highest level throughout his hard work and self sacrifice.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty by its tradesmen. These individuals are all outstanding examples of these qualities. They have demonstrated their loyalty to both the union and the community through their hard work and self-sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these dedicated, honorable, and outstanding citizens, in addition to all the hardworking union men and women in America. I am proud to represent such dedicated men and women in Congress. Their hard labor and resolute courage are the achievement and fulfillment of the American dream.

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**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2004*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Corporal LaVerne Dennison, a World War II veteran who fought bravely to protect our freedom and to keep the world safe for democracy.

On June 5, 2004, I had the pleasure of recognizing Corporal Dennison for his heroism and bravery as a U.S. Soldier who fought with the Army-Airforce in the Second World War from September 11, 1942 until January 3, 1946.

During his service in the Pacific theater, Corporal Dennison developed a reputation for deadly accuracy with the M9A1 bazooka. For this he earned the nickname "Deadhead" among his comrades. He fought bravely and honorably throughout his service and made a significant contribution to the Allied cause.

I had the honor of presenting Corporal Dennison with medals he earned during his service to our Nation. They include the Army Good Conduct Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with four Bronze Service Stars, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Philippine Liberation Medal.

I am humbled by the courage and service of Corporal Dennison, a true American patriot. I am thankful for the gift of freedom that he fought to protect.